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SENATE BILL NO. 80

BY SENATOR MILLER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTION OFFENSES. Provides relative to exit polling. (8/1/25)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 18:1462.1(D), relative to exit polling; to define exit polling; and to provide for
3	related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 18:1462.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
6	§1462.1. Registration of persons conducting exit polling during early voting or on
7	election day; penalties
8	* * *
9	D.(1) "Exit poll" as used in this Section shall mean a poll of voters by a
10	bona fide news gathering organization as defined in R.S. 44:3.1.1 leaving a
11	polling place to gather basic demographic information and determine how
12	voters voted on candidates and propositions in an election. The poll shall be
13	conducted in a nondisruptive manner.
14	(2) The term "exit poll" shall not be construed to include polls about
15	races, propositions, or issues not on the ballot, or dissemination of information
16	to voters.
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Present law provides for the requirements to conduct exit polling.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines exit poll to be a poll by a bona fide news gathering organization leaving a polling place to gather basic demographic information and determine how voters vote on candidates and propositions in an election.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 18:1462.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and</u> <u>Governmental Affairs to the original bill</u>

1. Changed "journalist or news media organization of voters" to "news gathering organization".