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3 (iii) Instruction on a commissioner's duty to offer any voter who does not
4 have picture identification ~~an affidavit to sign to that effect~~ as provided in R.S.
5 **18:562(A)(2)(a) the opportunity to provide identification in accordance with**
6 **R.S. 18:562(A)(2)(c) and (d).**

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8 B.(1) The clerk of court shall conduct a course of instruction for
9 commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners who are
10 selected to serve in each election. The course shall be held after the selection of these
11 officials but not less than four days prior to each election. The course shall primarily
12 cover the procedures to be used in the election for which the officials were selected.
13 The clerk of court shall instruct the commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and
14 alternate commissioners that it is their duty to offer any voter who does not have
15 picture identification as provided in R.S. 18:562 ~~an affidavit to sign to that effect~~
16 **(A)(2)(a) the opportunity to provide identification in accordance with R.S.**
17 **18:562(A)(2)(c) and (d).**

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19 §433. Commissioners-in-charge; course of instruction; selection; commission;
20 disqualification; replacement

21 A. Course of instruction. (1) * * *

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23 (3) During the week prior to the date scheduled for the course of instruction,
24 the clerk shall notify each commissioner of the date, time, and place where he will
25 conduct the course of instruction. The course of instruction shall include but shall not
26 necessarily be restricted to instruction in the operating of voting machines, relevant
27 laws and regulations concerning the conduct of elections, and matters pertaining to
28 the powers and duties of commissioners-in-charge. The clerk shall instruct the
29 commissioners-in-charge that it is their duty to ~~offer~~ **inform** any voter who does not

1 have picture identification as provided in R.S. 18:562(A)~~an affidavit to sign to that~~
 2 effect **(2)(a) of the opportunity to provide identification in accordance with R.S.**
 3 **18:562(A)(2)(c) and (d).**

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5 §562. Prerequisites to voting

6 A. Identification of voters.

7 (1) A person who desires to vote in a primary or general election shall give
 8 his name and address to a commissioner, who shall announce the applicant's name
 9 and address to the persons at the polling place.

10 (2)(a) Each applicant shall identify himself, in the presence and view of the
 11 bystanders, and present to the commissioners one of the following:

12 (i) A Louisiana driver's license;

13 (ii) ~~a~~ **A Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321;**
 14 ~~or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and~~
 15 ~~signature of the applicant.;~~

16 **(iii) A United States passport book;**

17 **(iv) A United States Certificate of Citizenship that contains the**
 18 **applicant's name, picture, and signature;**

19 **(v) A United States Certificate of Naturalization that contains the**
 20 **applicant's name, picture, and signature;**

21 **(vi) A tribal identification card issued by a tribe recognized by the state**
 22 **of Louisiana or the federal government that contains the applicant's name,**
 23 **picture, and signature; or**

24 ~~(ii)~~ **(vii)** A United States military identification card that contains the
 25 applicant's name and picture.

26 (b) If the applicant does not have one of the forms of identification provided
 27 in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the applicant shall ~~complete and sign an~~
 28 ~~affidavit, which is supplied by the secretary of state, to that effect before the~~
 29 ~~commissioners, which affidavit shall include the applicant's date of birth and~~

1 mother's maiden name. If the applicant is unable to read or write or is otherwise
2 unable to complete the affidavit due to disability, the applicant may receive
3 assistance in completing the affidavit and the commissioner shall make a notation
4 on the affidavit. The applicant may receive the assistance of any person of his choice,
5 including a commissioner, except a candidate, commissioner-in-charge, the
6 applicant's employer or employer's agent, or the applicant's union agent. The
7 commissioners shall place the affidavit in the envelope marked "Registrar of Voters"
8 and attach the envelope to the precinct register. However, an applicant who is
9 allowed to vote without the picture identification required by Subparagraph (a) of
10 this Paragraph is subject to challenge as provided in R.S. 18:565 **present two forms**
11 **of identification consisting of either two primary documents listed in**
12 **Subparagraph (c) or one primary document listed in Subparagraph (c) and one**
13 **secondary document listed in Subparagraph (d).**

14 **(c) Primary documents.**

15 **(i) An original or certified domestic birth certificate;**

16 **(ii) Social Security card;**

17 **(iii) United States passport card;**

18 **(iv) Tribal identification card issued by a tribe recognized by the state**
19 **of Louisiana or the federal government that does not contain the applicant's**
20 **picture or signature; and**

21 **(v) A United States veteran health identification card.**

22 **(d) Secondary documents.**

23 **(i) Voter registration notice;**

24 **(ii) Current utility bill, not more than twelve months old, containing the**
25 **name and address of the voter;**

26 **(iii) Bank statement, not more than twelve months old, containing the**
27 **name and address of the voter;**

28 **(iv) Government check or document, not more than twelve months old,**
29 **containing the name and address of the voter; and**

1 assistance forms, any physicians' certificates, any copies of disability documentation,
2 a copy of each completed notation of irregularities form, and any address
3 confirmation notices in the envelope marked "Registrar of Voters", seal it and attach
4 it to the precinct register after the termination of voting, and place a new protective
5 seal on the precinct register.

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7 §573. Evidence of election results

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9 E. Transmission and disposition of original challenges, ~~duplicate voters'~~
10 ~~affidavits,~~ and address confirmation notices. (1) At the opening of the voting
11 machines, the sealed precinct registers shall be immediately returned to the registrar
12 of voters. Upon receipt of the sealed precinct registers, the registrar shall remove any
13 attached original record of challenges of voters made during the election, any
14 precinct register correction affidavits, ~~any voter identification affidavits made~~
15 ~~pursuant to R.S. 18:562,~~ any address confirmation notices, any voter assistance
16 forms, any certificates, any copies of disability documentation, and any completed
17 voter registration applications.

18 (2) The registrar shall utilize the procedures set forth in Part V of Chapter 4
19 of this Code to determine the validity of the registration of each challenged voter
20 who did not submit an address confirmation notice. In any instance where an address
21 confirmation notice was received that stated an address different from the address
22 on file in the registrar's office for a registrant, the registrar shall change the
23 registrant's address to the address on the address confirmation notice if the change
24 of address is in the parish; transfer the registrant's registration to another parish if the
25 address on the address confirmation notice is in another parish; or cancel the
26 registration if the address on the address confirmation notice is in another state. If an
27 address confirmation notice was received that affirmed the address on file in the
28 registrar's office, the registrar shall reinstate the registrant to the official list of voters
29 if the registrant appears on the inactive list of voters. If the address confirmation

1 notice was a result of a valid challenge, the registrar shall so inform the district
2 attorney and shall transmit to him the address confirmation notice of that person.

3 ~~(3) The registrar also shall proceed to determine if each voter submitting a~~
4 ~~voter identification affidavit made pursuant to R.S. 18:562 attesting that he is a~~
5 ~~qualified registered voter is in fact a registered voter qualified to vote in the election~~
6 ~~by comparing the information provided by the voter with the information on file in~~
7 ~~the registrar's office and by reasonably comparing the signature on the affidavit with~~
8 ~~any signature on file for the voter in the registrar's office. If the registrar determines~~
9 ~~that any person who has voted in the election by virtue of his submission of such an~~
10 ~~affidavit was not a registered voter qualified to vote in the election, the registrar shall~~
11 ~~so inform the elections compliance unit and shall transmit to it the affidavit of that~~
12 ~~person.~~

13 (4) The registrar shall scan the address confirmation notice, ~~voter~~
14 ~~identification affidavit~~, voter assistance form, or voter registration application and
15 add it to the voter's record in the state voter registration computer system after
16 processing.

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18 §1309. Early voting; verification

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20 D.(1)(a) Before any voter is allowed to vote during early voting, the registrar
21 or his deputy shall establish the voter's identity by requiring him to submit one of the
22 following:

23 (i) A Louisiana driver's license;[;]

24 (ii) a A Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321;
25 ~~or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and~~
26 ~~signature of the voter.;~~

27 ~~(ii)~~(iii) A United States military identification card that contains the voter's
28 name and picture;

29 (iv) A United States passport book;

1 (v) A United States Certificate of Citizenship that contains the
2 applicant's name, picture, and signature;

3 (vi) A United States Certificate of Naturalization that contains the
4 applicant's name, picture, and signature; or

5 (vii) A tribal identification card issued by a tribe recognized by the state
6 of Louisiana or the federal government that contains the applicant's name,
7 picture, and signature.

8 (b) If the voter does not have one of the forms of identification provided in
9 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the voter shall ~~complete and sign, in the presence~~
10 ~~of the registrar or his deputy, a voter identification affidavit to that effect provided~~
11 ~~by the secretary of state, which affidavit shall include the voter's date of birth and~~
12 ~~mother's maiden name. If the voter is unable to read or write or is otherwise unable~~
13 ~~to complete the affidavit due to disability, the voter may receive assistance in~~
14 ~~completing the affidavit, and the registrar or his deputy shall make a notation on the~~
15 ~~affidavit. The voter may receive the assistance of any person of his choice, including~~
16 ~~the registrar or his deputy, except a candidate, the voter's employer or employer's~~
17 ~~agent, or the voter's union agent. The registrar or his deputy shall retain the affidavit~~
18 ~~in the office of the registrar of voters. **present two forms of identification**~~
19 ~~**consisting of either two primary documents listed in Subparagraph (c) or one**~~
20 ~~**primary document listed in Subparagraph (c) and one secondary document**~~
21 ~~**listed in Subparagraph (d).**~~

22 (c) Primary documents.

23 (i) An original or certified domestic birth certificate;

24 (ii) Social Security card;

25 (iii) United States passport card;

26 (iv) Tribal identification card issued by a tribe recognized by the state
27 of Louisiana or the federal government that does not contain the applicant's
28 picture or signature; and

29 (v) A United States veteran health identification card.

1 (d) Secondary documents.

2 (i) Voter registration notice;

3 (ii) Current utility bill, not more than twelve months old, containing the
4 name and address of the voter;

5 (iii) Bank statement, not more than twelve months old, containing the
6 name and address of the voter;

7 (iv) Government check or document, not more than twelve months old,
8 containing the name and address of the voter; and

9 (v) Paycheck or pay stub, not more than twelve months old, containing
10 the name and address of the voter.

11 (e) If the voter does not have one of the forms of identification provided
12 in Subparagraph (D)(1)(a)(i) through (d) of this Paragraph, the voter shall cast
13 a conditional paper ballot. No later than 4:30 pm on the second day following
14 the election, the voter shall also appear in person to present to the registrar of
15 voters a form of identification as provided in 18:562(A)(2)(a) through (d).

16 (f) All conditional paper ballots shall be presented to the parish board
17 of election supervisors for counting or rejection prior to the compilation of
18 returns pursuant to R.S. 18:574 at the office of the registrar of voters or at a
19 public facility within the parish designated by the parish board of election
20 supervisors. The registrar of voters shall present the conditional paper ballot
21 to the parish board of election supervisors for counting on the third day after
22 the election. If the voter has presented identification in accordance with this
23 Subsection, the board shall count the conditional paper ballot. If the voter failed
24 to present identification in accordance with this Subsection, the board shall
25 reject the conditional paper ballot.

26 (g) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules in accordance with the
27 Administrative Procedure Act necessary to effectuate the provisions of this
28 Section.

29 ~~(e)~~(h) If satisfied that the voter has identified himself as the voter registered

1 in the state voter registration computer system and that he is qualified to vote, the
2 registrar or his deputy shall initial the early voting register kept by the registrar
3 opposite the voter's signature or mark. The voter then shall be allowed to vote.

4 ~~(d) A voter who votes without the picture identification required by~~
5 ~~Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph is subject to challenge as provided in R.S.~~
6 ~~18:1315.~~

7 (2) If the voter's name is found in the state voter registration computer system
8 on the inactive list of voters, the voter shall be required to complete an address
9 confirmation card to determine his eligibility to vote.

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on February 1, 2027.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 319 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Pressly

Present law provides instruction for a commissioner to offer any voter that does not have picture identification an affidavit to sign.

Proposed law removes the affidavit option and provides new identification requirements.

Present law provides the information for a clerk to provide the course of instruction to the commissioners during the week prior to an election. This information includes that the commissioners are to offer any voter who does not have picture identification an affidavit to sign to that effect.

Proposed law retains present law but removes language related to affidavits and provides alternative identification options.

Present law provides a list of what qualifies for identification in order to be eligible to vote.

Proposed law retains present law but adds additional methods that qualify as identification in order to be eligible to vote.

Present law provides the procedure to fill out an affidavit for an applicant that does not have one of the forms of identification allowed by law.

Proposed law removes the affidavit process and provides a new procedure for an applicant that does not have one of the forms of identification allowed by law.

Present law provides procedures for commissioners after termination of voting which includes including all voter identification affidavits in the "Registrar of Voters" envelope.

Proposed law removes the voter identification affidavits from the documents that are required to go in the "Registrar of Voters" envelope.

Present law provides the information required as evidence of election results.

Proposed law retains present law but removes voter identification affidavits from the information required as evidence.

Present law provides early voting verification requirements which include what may be submitted to establish the voter's identity.

Proposed law removes the requirement of an identification that is an other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and signature of the voter.

Proposed law adds additional methods that may be used to establish the voter's identity.

Present law provides a process for a voter that does not have one of the forms of identification provided in order to prove their identity which includes an affidavit.

Proposed law provides instructions to the Parish Board of Election Supervisors on the handling of conditional paper ballots if an applicant has presented proper voting identification.

Proposed law provides a directive to the secretary of state to promulgate administrative rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to implement this law.

Proposed law removes the affidavit from the process to prove identity but replaces it with additional documents that will be accepted.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 18:431(A)(1)(b)(iii) and (B)(1), 433(A)(3), 562(A)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E), and 1309(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Technical
2. Changes "certificate" to "notice".
3. Provides methods for an applicant to be able to vote if they do not have the forms of identification required in the proposed legislation.
4. Provides requirements for a Parish Board of Election Supervisors on how to handle provisional ballots if an applicant has or has not presented identification in accordance with the proposed legislation.
5. Directs the secretary of state to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to effectuate the provisions of this Section.