

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.