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## DIGEST

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Edwards

HB No. 28

**Abstract:** Requires the secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to distribute Honor Medals in the manner requested by the veteran.

Present law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to establish and manage the Veterans' Honor Medal Program to recognize and honor La. veterans.

Present law provides for the design of the honor medal and requires the secretary to determine eligibility for the award of the honor medal based upon military records.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the secretary to create an application for distribution of the honor medal in which the veteran may choose a method of delivery.

Proposed law requires the secretary to deliver each medal pursuant to the method of delivery selected by the veteran on the application. Requires the secretary to deliver the medal to the applicant within 45 days unless the veteran elects to receive the medal in a ceremony conducted by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 36:784(A)(8)(d), (e), and (f))