HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 524 by Representative Jane Smith

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(C)(3)(b)," and before "1307(C)," insert "1306(E)(2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, delete "1308.2(A)(2) and (B)," and insert "1308.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the end of line 3, delete "and" and at the beginning of line 4, delete "1308.2(A)(3)," and insert a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 13, after "(C)(3)(b)," and before "1307(C)," insert "1306(E)(2)," and at the end of line 13, delete "1308.2(A)(2)," and at the beginning of line 14, delete "and (B)," and insert "1308.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the beginning of line 15, delete "and 1308.2(A)(3) are" and insert "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 1, after "States Service" delete the comma "," and delete "as defined in R.S. 18:1302,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"§1306. Preparation and distribution of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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(2)(a) An absentee by mail or early voting ballot envelope flap shall also contain lines for the handwritten signature of two witnesses. The voter may sign the certificate in the presence of two witnesses, or one witness if the voter is voting absentee by mail as authorized by R.S. 18:1303(F) or (I), and in such a case, the voter shall not be required to obtain the signature of a notary public, but his certificate shall be made under penalty of perjury for providing false or fraudulent information. Above the perforation and along the seal line, the words "DO NOT DETACH FLAP" shall be printed.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, a member of the United States Service or person residing outside of the United States who is registered to vote shall not be required to sign the certificate in the presence of two witnesses or to obtain the signature of a notary public, but his certificate shall be made under penalty of perjury for providing false or fraudulent information.

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AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, at the end of line 19, insert the following:

"The registrar shall mail the materials for candidates for United States senator or United States representative in congressional primary and general elections, candidates for presidential nominee in presidential preference primary elections, and candidates in presidential elections at least forty-five days prior to the election to those voters who have made application to vote absentee by mail by such time."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, at the end of line 27, insert "The registrar shall transmit the materials at least forty-five days prior to the election to those voters who have requested electronic transmission by such time."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 29, after "States Service" change "or" to "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, at the end of line 3, insert "The registrar shall transmit the materials at least forty-five days prior to the election to those voters who have requested electronic transmission by such time."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 6, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

"A.(1) At least ~~forty-five~~ forty-six days before each presidential election, the secretary of state shall deliver to each registrar a sufficient quantity of absentee by mail ballots, envelopes, certificates, and instructions, including those to be electronically transmitted, for the election of the president of the United States to be used only by members of the United States Service~~, as defined in R.S. 18:1302,~~ and persons residing outside the United States who are registered to vote ~~pursuant to R.S. 18:103(C), for the election of the president of the United States, including ballots, certificates, and instructions to be electronically transmitted to the voters~~. The absentee by mail ballot shall be prepared according to law and shall contain only presidential candidates. The absentee by mail ballot envelope shall be marked "Presidential Ballot Only"."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 6, line 6, delete "forty-five" and insert "forty-six"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 6, line 10, after "and instructions" insert a comma "," and insert "including those to be electronically transmitted,"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 6, line 11, after "States Service" delete the comma "," and delete "as defined in R.S. 18:1302,"

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AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 6, line 12, after "registered to vote" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 13 and 14

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 6, line 15, change "forty-five" to "forty-six"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 6, line 17, after "and instructions" insert a comma "," and insert "including those to be electronically transmitted, for candidates for presidential nominee"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 6, line 19, after "registered to vote" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line and delete line 20

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 7, line 1, after "States Service" delete the comma "," and delete "as defined in R.S. 18:1302,"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 7, line 7, after "a secret ballot" delete the remainder of the line and insert "for each ballot mailing in a separate"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 7, line 13, after "States Service" delete the comma "," and delete "as defined in R.S. 18:1302,"

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