HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 533 by Representative Gallot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "463(A)(1)(a)," and before "591," insert "551(D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "1300.13," delete "1307(B)(2) and (H)," and insert "1306(E)(2), 1307(B)(2) and (H), 1308(A)(1)(a), 1308.1(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 21, after "by mail;" and before "to provide" insert the following:

"to provide relative to the designation of political party affiliation of candidates on the ballot; to provide relative to procedures and requirements for voting absentee by mail; to provide relative to absentee by mail ballots;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 6, after "1300.13," delete "1307(B)(2) and (H)," and insert "1306(E)(2), 1307(B)(2) and (H), 1308(A)(1)(a), 1308.1(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 14, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

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

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(2) 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), or (J), 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.

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 15, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"§1308. Absentee voting by mail

A.(1)(a) Beginning with the date on which the registrar receives the absentee by mail ballots and other necessary paraphernalia from the secretary of state, and thereafter, immediately upon receipt of an application by mail, the registrar shall mail the necessary instructions, certificates, ballots, and envelopes to the applicant at the address furnished by the applicant. ~~The~~

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~~registrar shall detach the perforated slip from the absentee by mail ballot before mailing it to the voter and shall retain the slip in the records of his office for six months.~~

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§1308.1. Absentee voting by person serving on sequestered jury

A. Immediately upon receipt of an application, the registrar shall deliver the necessary instructions, certificates, ballots, and envelopes to the officer of the court in charge of the sequestered jury on which the applicant is serving, at the address furnished by the applicant. ~~The registrar shall detach the perforated slip from each absentee ballot before delivering it to the officer, shall retain the slip from each absentee ballot before delivering it to the officer, and shall retain the slip in the records of his office for six months.~~ Each envelope delivered to the officer shall contain two envelopes, one of which shall be the ballot envelope and the other shall be a return envelope bearing the official title and mailing address of the registrar and the name, return address, and precinct or district number of the voter. This latter envelope shall be used by each voter to return his ballot.

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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 23, line 22, after "R.S." and before "and 1299.1" delete "18:1284(F)(1) and (2)" and insert "18:463(A)(1)(a), 551(D), 1284(F)(1) and (2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 23, between lines 23 and 24 insert the following:

"§463. Notice of candidacy; financial disclosure; political advertising; penalties

A.(1)(a) A notice of candidacy shall be in writing and shall state the candidate's name, the office he seeks, the address of his domicile, and the parish, ward, and precinct where he is registered to vote. The candidate shall list on the notice of candidacy the name of the political party if he is registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party, "other" if he is registered as being affiliated with a political party that is not a recognized political party, or ~~"no party"~~ "independent" if he is registered with no political party affiliation. No candidate shall change or add his political party designation, for purposes of printing on the election ballot as required by R.S. 18:551(D), after he has qualified for the election.

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§551. Ballots

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D. Political party designation. The political party designation of a candidate who is registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party shall be listed on the primary or general election ballot on the same line and immediately after or below the candidate's name. If a candidate is affiliated with a political party, but such party is not a recognized political party, the space after his name shall be left blank. If a candidate is not affiliated with any political party, the ~~words "no party"~~ word "independent" or an abbreviation thereof shall be placed after his name. The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Subsection.

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