

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 917

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

ELECTIONS/ABSENTEE VOTE: Provides relative to absentee voting by mail

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1308(B), relative to absentee voting by mail; to provide
3 relative to procedures for voting absentee by mail; to provide relative to the means
4 by which absentee voting materials may be returned to the registrar; to require
5 certification under certain circumstances; to provide for limitations; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:13:1308(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1308. Absentee voting by mail

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11 B. The ballot shall be marked as provided in R.S. 18:1310 and returned to
12 the registrar by the United States Postal Service, a commercial delivery service, or
13 hand delivery. If hand delivered by other than a commercial delivery service or the
14 United States Postal Service, the registrar shall require that the person making such
15 delivery sign a statement, prepared by the secretary of state, certifying that he has the
16 authorization and consent of the voter to hand deliver the marked ballot. No person
17 except the immediate family of the voter, as defined in this Code, shall hand deliver
18 more than one marked ballot to the registrar. Upon its receipt, the registrar shall post
19 the name and precinct of the voter as required by R.S. 18:1311.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the return of voted absentee by mail ballots to the registrar.

Present law provides relative to absentee voting by mail. Specifies the persons who are entitled to vote absentee by mail. Provides procedures for making application, to vote absentee by mail, for receiving absentee voting materials, and for marking the ballot and executing the other required documents. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, requires the ballot to be returned to the registrar who, upon receiving it, is required to post the name and precinct of the voter as required by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for the following means by which such ballot shall be returned to the registrar: the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), a commercial delivery service, or hand delivery. Requires the registrar, if a ballot is hand delivered other than by the USPS or a commercial delivery service, to require that the person making the delivery sign a statement, prepared by the secretary of state, certifying that he has the authorization and consent of the voter to hand deliver the marked ballot. Prohibits anyone but the immediate family of the voter to hand deliver more than one marked ballot to the registrar. Defines "immediate family" as in present law (the individual's children, the spouses of his children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse).

(Amends R.S. 18:1308(B))