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## DIGEST

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HB No. 917

**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))