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HOUSE BILL NO. 917

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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; to provide for
6 definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(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 courier, or hand
13 delivery. If delivered by other than the voter, a commercial courier, or the United
14 States Postal Service, the registrar shall require that the person making such delivery
15 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. For
17 purposes of this Subsection, "commercial courier" shall have the same meaning as
18 provided in R.S. 13:3204(D). No person except the immediate family of the voter,
19 as defined in this Code, shall hand deliver more than one marked ballot to the

- (2) Has no direct or indirect interest in the outcome of the matter to which the letter or parcel concerns.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Specifies that a voter who delivers his own ballot is not required to execute a certification.
2. Replaces the term "commercial delivery service" with "commercial courier" and provides that "commercial courier" has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:3204(D).

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds provisions making proposed law effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.