

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 917

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROSSETT, BARROW, WESLEY BISHOP, COX, HAZEL, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, MONTUCET, NORTON, ORTEGO, RICHARD, SMITH, AND ST. GERMAIN AND SENATORS BROOME AND DORSEY-COLOMB

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
20 registrar. Upon its receipt, the registrar shall post the name and precinct of the voter
21 as required by R.S. 18:1311.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____