

Existing law provides qualifications for and procedures for selecting absentee by mail and early voting commissioners. Provides that a parish board of election supervisors may utilize absentee by mail and early voting commissioners to count absentee by mail and early voting ballots. Requires such ballots to be counted on election day. Provides that absentee by mail and early voting commissioners may assist the parish board of election supervisors in counting and tabulating provisional ballots. Provides that provisional ballots are counted on the third, and for some elections the fourth, day following the election.

Prior law provided that an absentee by mail and early voting commissioner who served on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots would receive \$50 for each day he served.

New law provides instead that such a commissioner who serves on election day or during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots shall receive \$50 or \$100 for each day he serves as provided below:

- (1) \$100 for elections for which the secretary of state has approved such compensation. The secretary of state may provide such approval upon application by the parish board of election supervisors when it is reasonably expected that a large number of persons will vote prior to election day.
- (2) \$50 for service rendered in connection with elections other than those provided for in (1) above.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 13, 2012).

(Amends R.S. 18:1314(E))