SLS 14RS-208 ORIGINAL

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 201

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

LOCAL AGENCIES. Requires a minimum turnout of 20% of voters to approve a political subdivision proposition to incur or assume debt, issue bonds, or levy a tax. (See Act)

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To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1290(A), relative to certain elections; to require that the total number of persons voting in certain elections shall constitute not less than a certain percentage of the number of voters in order for the proposition to be approved; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1290(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§1290. Qualification of voters

A. All qualified electors of the political subdivision ordering the election shall be entitled to vote in an election on the issuance of bonds, levying or increase of a tax, or the assumption of indebtedness by the political subdivision, and such bonds may be issued, such tax levied or increased, or indebtedness assumed if approved by a vote of a majority in number of the qualified electors voting on the proposition at such election as is provided in this Chapter; provided that, in order for the proposition to be considered approved, the total number of persons voting in such an election shall constitute not less than twenty percent of the number of voters on the official or active list of voters on all the precinct

	registers and any supplements thereto for all the precincts in which the election
	<u>is held</u> .
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	Section 2. Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VI, Section
30(C)	of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as SB of
the 20	14 Regular Session is adopted at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
2014,	and becomes effective.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Riley Boudreaux.
Allain	DIGEST (SB 201)

<u>Present law</u> provides that bonds may be issued, taxes may be levied or increased, or indebtedness assumed if approved by a vote of a majority in number of the qualified electors voting on the proposition at an election as is provided in Chapter 6-A of Title 18.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides, in order for the proposition to be considered approved, the total number of persons voting in such an election must constitute not less than 20% of the number of voters on the official or active list of voters on all the precinct registers and any supplements thereto for all the precincts in which the election is held.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VI, Section 30(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as SB\_\_\_\_ of the 2014 RS is adopted at the statewide election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014, and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 18:1290(A))