DIGEST

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HB No. 1212

Abstract: Provides that all qualified voters who reside in the parish or parishes in which a proposed municipality is situated shall be eligible to vote in a special election on incorporating the new municipality.

<u>Present law</u> provides that residents of any unincorporated area with a population of at least 200 people may propose the incorporation of the area. Provides that the proponents of incorporation must file a petition with the registrar of voters for the parish or parishes in which the unincorporated area is located. Provides that, among other things, the petition for incorporation must contain the signature of at least 25% of the electors residing in the area proposed for incorporation.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if the governor finds that the petition for incorporation meets all of the requirements of <u>present law</u>, he shall call a special election to be held on the next possible date for special elections in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the qualified electors residing within the area proposed for incorporation shall be entitled to vote in such an election.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all qualified electors residing in the parish or parishes in which the proposed area is situated shall be entitled to vote in the special election.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:3(B))