2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 821

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ELECTIONS/ABSENTEE VOTE: Provides relative to absentee by mail voting by certain persons

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1307(G), relative to voting absentee by mail; to provide
3	relative to procedures and requirements for applying to vote absentee by mail; and
4	to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 18:1307(G) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§1307. Application by mail
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9	G.(1) If the applicant is eligible to vote absentee by mail pursuant to R.S.
10	18:1303(F), or (I), or (J), his application, if such application meets the requirements
11	of this Section, shall remain valid indefinitely, unless an absentee by mail ballot that
12	has been sent to the applicant is returned to the registrar as undeliverable. If the
13	applicant's absentee by mail ballot is returned to the registrar as undeliverable, the
14	registrar shall send notice by forwardable mail to such applicant that his application
15	will no longer be valid, and the applicant shall be required to submit a new
16	application to the registrar that meets the requirements of this Section and provide
17	a current address before the applicant will be eligible to vote absentee by mail again
18	pursuant to this Section.

1	(2)(a) If the applicant is eligible to vote absentee by mail pursuant to R.S.
2	18:1303(J), his application, if such application meets the requirements of this
3	Section, shall remain valid indefinitely.
4	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,
5	the application shall become invalid if either of the following occurs:
6	(i) An absentee by mail ballot sent to the applicant is returned to the registrar
7	as undeliverable.
8	(ii) The applicant fails to vote for two years.
9	(c) If the application becomes invalid pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this
10	Paragraph, the registrar shall send notice by forwardable mail to the applicant
11	informing him of this fact and that he will be required to submit a new application
12	to the registrar that meets the requirements of this Section and provide a current
13	address before the applicant will be eligible to vote absentee by mail again pursuant
14	to this Section.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the absentee by mail application of a senior citizen becomes invalid if the person fails to vote for two years.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:1303) specifies persons who are eligible to vote absentee by mail, including a person who is 65 or older. <u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:1307) provides that the absentee by mail application of such a person if it meets the requirements of <u>present law</u> remains valid indefinitely, unless an absentee by mail ballot that has been sent to the applicant is returned to the registrar as undeliverable. Provides that in such case, the registrar must send notice by forwardable mail to such applicant that his application will no longer be valid, and the applicant shall be required to submit a new application to the registrar that meets the requirements of <u>present law</u> and provide a current address before the applicant will be eligible to vote absentee by mail again.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally provides that the absentee by mail application of such a person will become invalid if the person fails to vote for two years.

(Amends R.S. 18:1307(G))