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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))