2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 869

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

VOTERS/VOTING: Authorizes use of state issued hang tags for those who suffer from mobility impairment for purpose of special voting accommodations

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 18:564(D)(2)(a)(iv) and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv), relative to voting; to provide for
3	eligibility for receiving assistance in voting on election day and during early voting;
4	to provide procedures and requirements for receiving assistance in voting; and to
5	provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 18:564(D)(2)(a)(iv) and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv) are hereby enacted to
8	read as follows:
9	§564. Assistance in voting on election day
10	* * *
11	D.
12	* * *
13	(2)(a) A voter shall also be entitled to assistance without having filed with
14	the registrar a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this assistance if,
15	on election day, the voter presents to the commissioner-in-charge one of the
16	following as proof of disability:
17	* * *
18	(iv) A current mobility impairment hang tag or license plate issued to the
19	voter by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections pursuant
20	to R.S. 47:463.4 or 490.4.
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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	§1309.3. Assistance in voting during early voting
2	* * *
3	D.(1)(a) Prior to receiving assistance under this Section because of a
4	disability, including visual impairment, the voter shall file with the registrar in
5	person or by mail a statement setting forth the necessity and reasons for this
6	assistance and shall furnish the registrar one of the following:
7	* * *
8	(iv) A current mobility impairment hang tag issued to the voter by the
9	secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections pursuant to R.S.
10	<u>47:463.4 or 490.4.</u>
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a person with a disability to receive assistance in voting during early voting and on election day by presenting a current mobility impairment hang tag issued to the person.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:564 and 1309.3) provides for assistance in voting on election day and during early voting. Requires a person who seeks assistance in voting to file certain required documentation with the registrar prior to voting. Also allows a person to present certain documentation to election officials at the polls, including the following:

- (1) A physician's certificate relative to the physical disability of the person.
- (2) A current mobility impairment identification card bearing a photograph of the voter and the international symbol of accessibility issued by the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections as authorized by <u>present law</u> (R.S. 47:463.4).
- (3) A copy of current documentation showing eligibility for social security disability benefits, veteran's disability benefits, paratransit services, benefits from the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, or benefits from La. Rehabilitation Services.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>. Adds to such documentation a current mobility impairment hang tag or a disabled veteran license plate issued to the voter by the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections pursuant to <u>present law</u> (R.S. 47:463.4 or 490.4).

(Adds R.S. 18:564(D)(2)(a)(iv) and 1309.3(D)(1)(a)(iv))