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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to  
Original House Bill No. 890 by Representative DanahayAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert the following:

"463(A)(2)(b), 470(B), 532.1(D)(2)(a) and (E), 563(D)(2), 583(A)(2), 1285(B)(1)(a),  
1300(C)(1), 1306(A)(3), 1307(B)(1)(a), and 1313(J)(2)(b), to enact R.S.  
18:18(A)(10), 116(A)(3), 1309(E)(5)(b)(iii), 1310(D), and 1313(F)(11), and to repeal  
R.S. 18:116(A)(1)(c), relative to the Louisiana Election"

AMENDMENT NO. 2On page 2, line 9, after "on the ballot;" and before "to provide for" insert "to provide relative  
to paper ballots; to provide for replacement ballots;"AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 11, delete lines 23 and 24 and insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 18:193(D), 563(D)(2), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1300(C)(1), and  
1306(A)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1309(E)(5)(b)(iii),  
1310(D), and 1313(F)(11) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 12, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"§563. Procedure for voting

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D.

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(2)(a) In order to cast a vote on a paper ballot, a voter must make a selection  
for a candidate or for or against a proposition by completely filling in the oval to the  
right of a selection and returning the ballot to the appropriate election official within  
the applicable deadline set forth by law. If a voter makes selections for more than  
the number of candidates to be elected for an office or makes selections for and  
against the same proposition, the selections for that office or proposition will be  
void.

(b) If a voter determines that his ballot is spoiled because he wants to change  
or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and counted but is unable to do so,  
he may obtain a replacement ballot upon returning the spoiled ballot to a  
commissioner. The voter shall cast his vote as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this  
Paragraph using the replacement ballot. The commissioner shall write the words  
"spoiled and replaced" on the ballot and shall place it in the envelope marked  
"Registrar of Voters".

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 5

2 On page 13, line 7, after "inform the voter" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines  
3 8 and 9 and insert the following:

4 "concerning how to change or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and  
5 counted, including through the issuance of a replacement ballot if the voter is  
6 otherwise unable to change or correct his vote on the ballot."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 6

8 On page 13, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

9 "§1309. Early voting; verification

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11 E.

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13 (5)

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15 (b)

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17 (iii) If a voter determines that his ballot is spoiled because he wants to  
18 change or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and counted but is unable to  
19 do so, he may obtain a replacement ballot upon returning the spoiled ballot to the  
20 registrar or deputy registrar. The voter shall cast his vote as provided in Item (i) of  
21 this Subparagraph using the replacement ballot. The registrar or deputy registrar  
22 shall write the words "spoiled and replaced" on the ballot and attach it to the early  
23 voting confirmation sheet.

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25 §1310. Execution of certificate; marking of ballot; casting vote; assistance

26 \* \* \*

27 D.(1) If a voter determines that his ballot is spoiled because he wants to  
28 change or correct his vote on the ballot before it is cast and counted but is unable to  
29 do so, he may obtain a replacement ballot from the registrar of voters in his parish.

30 (2) Upon receiving the replacement ballot, the voter shall mark the ballot and  
31 return it to the registrar as provided in this Section. The voter shall not return the  
32 spoiled ballot to the registrar, but shall destroy it. If the voter sends both the spoiled  
33 ballot and the replacement ballot to the registrar, each of such ballots shall be void.

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35 §1313. Tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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37 F. The procedure for counting absentee by mail ballots shall be as follows:

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(11) If two or more ballots for the same election have been included in the same envelope, the board shall reject all such ballots.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.