

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

ELECTIONS: Provides for the conduct of early voting on the Sunday during the early voting period from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(A)(2), relative to voting; to provide relative to early
3 voting; to provide for the hours and days during which early voting is conducted; to
4 provide relative to the duties of the registrar relative to early voting; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1309. Early voting; verification

9 A.

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11 (2) During the early voting period, the registrar shall maintain regular office
12 hours, remaining open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and
13 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Early voting on each day of the early
14 voting period shall terminate when all persons who were in line to vote at the close
15 of the regular office hours of the registrar's office, as provided in this Paragraph,
16 have been allowed to vote. If the office space of the registrar is insufficient or
17 inconvenient to accommodate early voting, the registrar may provide for an alternate
18 location to conduct early voting, which location shall be in the courthouse or in a
19 public building in the immediate vicinity thereof, and in such case, adequate notice

1 shall be posted at the registrar's office informing the public of the location where
2 early voting is being conducted.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the conduct of early voting on the Sun. during the early voting period from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Present law (R.S. 18:1302(4)) defines "early voting" as the period of time from 14 days to seven days prior to any scheduled election when a person who is qualified to vote may vote in person at a place designated by the registrar as provided in present law (R.S. 18:1309).

Present law (R.S. 18:1309) provides that during the early voting period, the registrar shall maintain regular office hours, remaining open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mon. through Sat. Provides that early voting on each day of the early voting period terminates when all persons who were in line to vote at the close of the office hours of the registrar's office have been allowed to vote. Provides for alternate locations under certain circumstances. Requires the registrar to observe the holidays which are provided by law or proclaimed by the governor for state departments during any period for conducting early voting.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law additionally provides that the registrar shall remain open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sun. during the early voting period.

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(A)(2))