

**ACT No. 674**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 896

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:15, relative to the legislature; to authorize a means other than mail for  
3 transmission of documents to and from members of the legislature; to provide for the  
4 authority of the clerical officers of the legislature with respect thereto; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:15 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §15. Transmission of documents

9 A. Whenever the clerk of the House of Representatives is required to send  
10 a ballot, petition, or other documentation to the members of the House of  
11 Representatives by mail, either by law or pursuant to the rules of procedure of the  
12 House of Representatives, and the clerk determines that it is feasible and desirable  
13 to utilize the system designed pursuant to R.S. 39:461.1 instead of mail for the  
14 transmission of the ballot, petition, or other documentation, then notwithstanding any  
15 requirement to the contrary, the clerk may utilize the system for the transmission of  
16 the ballot, petition, or other documentation in lieu of mailing.

17 B. Whenever the secretary of the Senate is required to send a ballot, petition,  
18 or other documentation to the members of the Senate by mail, either by law or  
19 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the Senate, and the secretary determines that  
20 it is feasible and desirable to utilize the system designed pursuant to R.S. 39:461.1  
21 instead of mail for the transmission of the ballot, petition, or other documentation,  
22 then notwithstanding any requirement to the contrary, the secretary may utilize the  
23 system for the transmission of the ballot, petition, or other documentation in lieu of  
24 mailing.

1           C. Whenever the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of  
 2           the Senate are required to send a ballot, petition, or other documentation to the  
 3           members of the legislature by mail, either by law or pursuant to the joint rules of  
 4           procedure of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the clerk and the  
 5           secretary jointly determine that it is feasible and desirable to utilize the system  
 6           designed pursuant to R.S. 39:461.1 instead of mail for the transmission of the ballot,  
 7           petition, or other documentation, then notwithstanding any requirement to the  
 8           contrary, the clerk and the secretary may utilize the system for the transmission of  
 9           the ballot, petition, or other documentation in lieu of mailing.

10           D. When necessary to determine any deadline based upon a postmark, the  
 11           transmission date through the system shall serve as the postmark.

12           E. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to any requirement on  
 13           either or both clerical officers to mail any ballot, petition, or other documentation to  
 14           the members of his house of the legislature or to each member of the legislature,  
 15           including without limitation any such mail requirement in R.S. 18:135.1 and 401.3,  
 16           R.S. 24:10, 11, 504, and 507, R.S. 27:224, R.S. 39:87, 99.12, and 99.36, R.S.  
 17           49:220.23, and R.S.51:1052.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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