

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 988

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

TANF: Terminates eligibility for FITAP benefits for recipients who do not vote

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:231.6.1, relative to FITAP eligibility; to provide for voting in an election  
3 as a condition for redetermination of eligibility of certain recipients for FITAP  
4 benefits; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:231.6.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §231.6.1. Termination of eligibility; refusal to vote

8 A. A family shall be ineligible for FITAP benefits if any one of the following  
9 applies:

10 (1) The parent is eligible to vote and is not a registered voter.

11 (2) The parent is a registered voter but did not vote in the most recent  
12 election in which he was eligible to do so prior to the date of his FITAP eligibility  
13 redetermination.

14 B. The Department of Social Services shall enter into a memorandum of  
15 understanding with the secretary of state to establish a system for verifying the  
16 voting activity of FITAP recipients.

17 C. The Department of Social Services shall promulgate rules and regulations  
18 necessary for the enforcement of this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Terminates Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) benefits for recipients who do not vote in elections.

Proposed law applies to persons who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance (FITAP) and who are eligible to vote.

Proposed law terminates FITAP benefits for such persons who do not vote in elections.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Social Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the secretary of state to establish a system for verifying the voting activity of FITAP recipients.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Social Services to promulgate rules for the enforcement of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 46:231.6.1)