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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Requests the secretary of state to develop a plan to change registration and voting requirements and procedures to allow for same-day voter registration

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the secretary of state to develop a plan to change registration and voting 3 requirements and procedures to allow for same-day voter registration. 4 WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides that, except in cases of emergency, voter 5 registration records close thirty days prior to an election and that generally no entries or 6 changes in the registration records are made thereafter; and 7 WHEREAS, the period of time immediately preceding an election is when many 8 voters focus on candidates and campaign issues; and 9 WHEREAS, allowing a person to register and vote on the same-day makes voting 10 accessible and convenient and, therefore, increases participation in the electoral process; and 11 WHEREAS, according to Demos, a public policy research and advocacy 12 organization, states that allow for same-day voter registration report higher than average 13 voter turnout, have fewer provisional ballots, have not experienced significant increases in 14 costs or difficulty in administering elections, and report few problems with fraud; and 15 WHEREAS, technology is available, including the statewide voter registration 16 database, that can be used to implement same-day voter registration in Louisiana and at the 17 same time protect the integrity of the electoral process. 18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 19 urge and request the secretary of state to develop a plan to change registration and voting 20 requirements and procedures to allow for same-day voter registration.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state shall make a written report
- 2 on the plan to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate
- 3 Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs no later than January 1, 2011.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 5 secretary of state.

DIGEST

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