

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

ELECTIONS: Provides for early voting on Sunday

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(A)(2), relative to early voting; to provide relative to the
3 period for conducting early voting; to provide for the days and times during which
4 the office of the registrar of voters must remain open to allow for early voting; and
5 to provide 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~~ each day,
13 including Saturday and Sunday. Early voting on each day of the early voting period
14 shall terminate when all persons who were in line to vote at the close of the regular
15 office hours of the registrar's office, as provided in this Paragraph, have been allowed
16 to vote. If the office space of the registrar is insufficient or inconvenient to
17 accommodate early voting, the registrar may provide for an alternate location to
18 conduct early voting, which location shall be in the courthouse or in a public
19 building in the immediate vicinity thereof, and in such case, adequate notice shall be

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

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the registrar to remain open on Sunday during the early voting period to allow for early voting.

Present law (R.S. 18:1309) provides that the early voting period for an election is the period from 14 days to seven days prior to the election. Requires the office of the registrar to be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each day that the registrar is required to be open during the early voting period. 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 regular office hours of the registrar's office have been allowed to vote.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law does not provide for the office of the registrar to be open on Sunday during the early voting period. Proposed law repeals present law and requires the office of the registrar to maintain regular office hours each day, including Saturday and Sunday.

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