

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 631

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to assistance in voting

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:564(B)(5)(b) and 1309.3(B)(4)(b), relative to assistance in
3 voting; to provide procedures for assisting certain voters on election day and during
4 early voting; to repeal the requirement that a person assisting such a voter present
5 certain identification; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:564(B)(5)(b) and 1309.3(B)(4)(b) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §564. Assistance in voting on election day

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11 B. Persons prohibited from assisting voters.

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15 (b) ~~Except for a commissioner, the person assisting the voter shall present~~
16 ~~to the commissioners his Louisiana driver's license, his Louisiana special~~
17 ~~identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321, or other generally recognized~~
18 ~~picture identification card that contains the name and signature of the person~~
19 ~~assisting the voter.~~ The commissioners shall write the voter's name in the precinct
20 register and write the name of the person, including a commissioner, assisting the

1 voter behind the tab for Assistance to Voters. The person, including a commissioner,
2 assisting the voter shall sign his name behind the tab for Assistance to Voters.

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4 §1309.3. Assistance in voting during early voting

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6 B. Persons prohibited from assisting voters during early voting.

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8 (4)

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10 (b) ~~Except for a registrar or deputy registrar, the person assisting the voter~~
11 ~~shall present to the registrar or deputy registrar his Louisiana driver's license, his~~
12 ~~Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321, or other~~
13 ~~generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and signature~~
14 ~~of the person assisting the voter.~~ The registrar or deputy registrar shall write the
15 voter's name in the precinct register or list kept by the registrar and the name of the
16 person assisting the voter behind the tab for Assistance to Voters. The person
17 assisting the voter, including a registrar or deputy registrar, shall sign his name
18 behind the tab for Assistance to Voters.

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20 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
21 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
22 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
23 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
24 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals the requirement that a person assisting a voter to vote on election day or during early voting present certain identification.

Present law (R.S. 18:564 and 1309.3) provides for assistance in voting. Requires a person who needs assistance in voting to provide to the registrar or to the commissioners on election day certain information as proof of disability. Specifies the types of information required. Restricts persons who can provide assistance to the voter at the polls on election day and during early voting. Requires the commissioners to write the voter's name in the precinct register and write the name of the person, including a commissioner, assisting the voter behind the tab for "Assistance to Voters". Requires the person, including a commissioner, assisting the voter to sign his name behind the tab for "Assistance to Voters". Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a person assisting a voter, except an election commissioner, to present his La. driver's license, his La. special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name and signature of the person assisting the voter. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:564(B)(5)(b) and 1309.3(B)(4)(b))