

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 671

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

VOTING/MACHINES: Provides for testing of voting machines prior to election

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1373(A)(2), relative to preparation, testing, and adjusting of  
3 voting machine, to provide for notice of preparation of voting machines; to provide  
4 for review of test vote report; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1373(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1373. Notice of preparation of machines for election; preparation of machines for  
8 election; testing and adjusting; examination by candidate or his  
9 representative; securing and sealing machines

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12 (2) The secretary of state shall prepare the voting machines for the election  
13 by placing them in order, inserting the proper ballots, and testing and adjusting the  
14 voting machines for the election. A test vote report shall be produced by each  
15 machine, and a signed certification of such testing shall be submitted to the parish  
16 board of election supervisors. In preparing the machines, the secretary of state shall  
17 lock out against use on each machine those vote indicators or devices that are not to  
18 be used at the election. In preparing and testing machines, the secretary of state shall  
19 use the mechanics and technicians authorized by R.S. 18:1353.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 671 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for review of a test vote report by the parish board of election supervisors.

Present law provides that the secretary of state shall prepare the voting machines for the election by placing them in order, inserting the proper ballots, and testing and adjusting the voting machines for the election. A test vote report shall be produced by each machine.

Proposed law retains present law and requires a signed certification of the test vote report to be submitted to the parish board of election supervisors.

(Amends R.S. 18:1373(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Change required submission from a test vote on each machine to a certification of the testing.