2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

ELECTIONS: Provides for voting on Sunday during an early voting period

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(A)(1)(b)(ii), (2), and (4), relative to early voting; to
3	provide relative to the period for conducting early voting; to provide for voting on
4	Sunday during the early voting period; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(A)(1)(b)(ii), (2), and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted
7	to read as follows:
8	§1309. Early voting; verification
9	A.(1)
10	* * *
11	(b)
12	* * *
13	(ii) The additional day shall be the first day preceding the period described
14	in Item (a)(i) of this Paragraph that is not a Sunday or a holiday required to be
15	observed pursuant to Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.
16	(2) During the early voting period, the registrar shall maintain regular office
17	hours, remaining open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through each day,
18	including Saturday and Sunday. Early voting on each day of the early voting period
19	shall terminate when all persons who were in line to vote at the close of the regular
20	office hours of the registrar's office, as provided in this Paragraph, have been allowed

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1	to vote. If the office space of the registrar is insufficient or inconvenient to
2	accommodate early voting, the registrar may provide for an alternate location to
3	conduct early voting, which location shall be in the courthouse or in a public
4	building in the immediate vicinity thereof, and in such case, adequate notice shall be
5	posted at the registrar's office informing the public of the location where early voting
6	is being conducted.
7	* * *
8	(4) A registrar shall observe the holidays which are provided by law or
9	proclaimed by the governor for state departments, except Sundays, during any period
10	for conducting early voting.
11	* * *

DIGEST

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

<u>Present law</u> provides for early voting during an election. Provides that the early voting period for an election is the period from 14 days to seven days prior to the election. Generally provides that early voting is held at the registrar of voters' office and requires the office to be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on each day, Monday through Saturday.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a registrar shall observe the holidays which are provided by law or proclaimed by the governor for state departments during any early voting period. <u>Present law</u> provides that Sundays are legal holidays.

<u>Proposed law</u> excepts Sundays from the legal holidays that the registrar is to observe and requires the registrar of voters' office to be open on Sunday for early voting.

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(A)(1)(b)(ii), (2), and (4))