2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 750

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

ELECTION CODE: Authorizes a registrar of voters to set the days of early voting at a
branch office

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(B)(1), relative to early voting; to provide relative to

3   times and days for early voting at branch offices; and to provide for related matters.

4   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5   Section 1. R.S. 18:1309(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6   §1309. Early voting; verification

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8   B.(1) For the purpose of facilitating early voting, the registrar may designate,

9   in addition to the location for early voting provided in Subsection A of this Section,

10   one branch office wherein early voting may be conducted. Any such branch office

11   shall be located in a public building, and the ~~hours~~ days during which early voting

12   may be conducted therein shall be fixed by the registrar, with the approval of the

13   secretary of state, at least thirty days prior to a primary election and twenty-one days

14   prior to a general election, as provided in Subsection A of this Section, and the

15   registrar shall post at his office adequate notice of the days on which early voting

16   will be held at a branch office. However, if a branch office of a registrar is

17   destroyed, inaccessible, or unsafe during or following a gubernatorially declared

18   state of emergency, the registrar may utilize a temporary building as a branch office

19   to discharge his duties until an office that meets the requirements of this Section

20   becomes available. Such temporary office shall be located within the parish, or if

1   there is no appropriate location within the parish due to the emergency, then in an

2   immediately adjacent parish, or if there is no appropriate location in any immediately

3   adjacent parish due to the emergency, then in the nearest parish in which there is an

4   appropriate location.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a registrar of voters to set early voting days at branch offices.

Present law provides that the registrar of voters may designate an additional early voting
location and the hours for early voting at such a location.

Proposed law allows the registrar, with the approval of the secretary of state, at least 30 days
prior to a primary election and 21 days prior to a general election, to designate the days that
the additional early voting location shall be open instead of the hours. Requires the registrar
to give notice of the days for early voting at an additional location.

(Amends R.S. 18:1309(B)(1))

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