

1 a felony or who has had his registration reinstated under the provisions of R.S. 18:177
2 should be able to exercise his constitutional right to vote and in doing so make his voice
3 heard and participate in the democratic process; and

4 WHEREAS, the legislature is committed to exploring every possible means that may
5 improve opportunities for each eligible citizen to participate in the life of his community and
6 state by voting; and

7 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon each mayor, sheriff, chief of police, parish
8 governing authority, and private entity that operates a correctional facility to take every
9 possible step to facilitate voting by absentee by mail by those persons incarcerated yet
10 eligible to vote; and

11 WHEREAS, in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64 of the 2007 Regular Session
12 of the Legislature, the legislature requested that every mayor, sheriff, and chief of police in
13 the state of Louisiana make available to every person who is incarcerated but not convicted
14 of a felony the opportunity to vote by absentee by mail in all elections.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Police Jury Association of
17 Louisiana, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of
18 Police to survey their members and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to
19 survey any private entity that operates a correctional facility on efforts to make voting by
20 absentee by mail available to every person who is incarcerated in an institution inside or
21 outside the parish in which he is qualified to vote who is not under an order of imprisonment
22 for conviction of a felony or who has had his registration reinstated after completing the
23 sentence imposed following a felony conviction and to report their findings and
24 recommendations, and including an estimate of any costs associated with such efforts, to the
25 House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate
26 and Governmental Affairs by February 25, 2011.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of the
29 Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Association of

- 1 Chiefs of Police, the executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and the
2 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
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DIGEST

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Requests the L.M.A., the Police Jury Association, the La. Sheriffs' Association, and the La. Association of Chiefs of Police to survey their members and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to survey any private entity that operates a correctional facility on efforts to make voting by absentee by mail available to every person who is incarcerated in an institution inside or outside the parish in which he is qualified to vote who is not under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony or who has had his registration reinstated after completing the sentence imposed following a felony conviction and to report their findings and recommendations, including an estimate of the costs associated with such efforts, to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs by Feb. 25, 2011.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original resolution.

1. Changes resolution from direct to urge and request.
2. Adds the Police Jury Association and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to the list of entities requested to survey and report pursuant to the resolution.
3. Adds requirement that report to legislature contain an estimate of costs associated with allowing incarcerated persons to vote by absentee by mail.