



1           WHEREAS, R.S. 18:173, which provides for the removal of deceased voters from  
2 the voting rolls, was amended by Act No. 364 of the 2021 Regular Session of the  
3 Legislature, which passed unanimously in the House of Representatives and Senate and was  
4 subsequently signed by the governor; and

5           WHEREAS, R.S. 18:173 requires the registrar of voters of each parish to remove  
6 from the voter registration rolls the names of deceased voters upon receipt of a certified copy  
7 of the voter's death certificate and requires the registrar of voters to search obituaries for  
8 deceased persons whose registrations were not cancelled and to cancel such registrations  
9 accordingly; and

10          WHEREAS, the law further requires the Department of State to cancel the  
11 registration of any deceased person as deaths are reported to the department by the  
12 Department of Health; and

13          WHEREAS, as evidenced by the unanimous vote of the legislature in passing Act  
14 No. 364, the legislature finds it a priority that the voting rolls be properly maintained and  
15 that deceased voters be promptly removed.

16          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Department of State and the  
18 registrar of voters of each parish complete the legal requirements of R.S. 18:173 in a timely  
19 manner.

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
21 and request the registrar of voters of each parish to annually submit a report to the  
22 Department of State, on or before July thirtieth, that includes the following:

23       (1)     Actions taken by the registrar's office in the prior year to canvass and verify voter  
24 registration information, the total number of voters verified by the canvass, the total  
25 number of voters not verified by the canvass, and any actions taken as a result of the  
26 canvass process.

27       (2)     The number of deceased voters removed from the voter rolls in the prior year.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
2 and request that the Department of State annually submit a report to the House of  
3 Representatives, on or before August thirtieth, that includes the following:

4 (1) Actions taken by the Department of State and each registrar of voters in the prior  
5 year to canvass and verify voter registration information, the total number of voters  
6 verified by the canvass, the total number of voters not verified by the canvass, and  
7 any actions taken as a result of the canvass process.

8 (2) The number of deceased voters removed from the voter rolls in each parish in the  
9 prior year.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 secretary of state and the registrar of voters of each parish.

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DIGEST

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Requires that the Dept. of State and each registrar of voters report to the House of Representatives regarding the efforts undertaken pursuant to and the results of the annual canvass and the removal of deceased voters from the voter rolls in each parish.