2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 497

BY SENATOR BARROW

VOTERS/VOTING. Allows a voter to request his absentee by mail ballot be rescinded in the event an election is delayed as a result of a declared state of emergency. (8/1/20)

1   AN ACT

2   To enact R.S. 18:1308(D), relative to absentee by mail voting; to provide for the ability to

3   rescind an absentee by mail ballot in the event of a declared emergency; to provide

4   for appropriate rules and materials; and to provide for related matters.

5   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6   Section 1. R.S. 18:1308(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7   §1308. Absentee voting by mail

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9   **D.(1) Notwithstanding any applicable provision of this Chapter, in the**

10   **event an election is delayed as a result of a state of emergency declared pursuant**

11   **to R.S. 24:742(B)(1), a voter may request to rescind his absentee by mail ballot**

12   **if the ballot was submitted prior to the declared state of emergency.**

13   **(2) Rules and instructions for the protocol established in Paragraph (1)**

14   **of this Subsection shall be promulgated and prepared by the secretary of state**

15   **in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and included in the**

16   **materials provided for in R.S. 18:1306(B)(1).**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST
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Proposed law provides that a voter who has submitted an absentee by mail ballot for an
election delayed by a state of emergency as declared by the governor may request to have
his ballot rescinded if it was submitted prior to the declared state of emergency.

Proposed law provides that the secretary of state will promulgate rules and instructions in
accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective August 1, 2020

(Adds R.S. 18:1308(D))