

SECRETARY OF STATE NANCY LANDRY ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF ELECTION INTEGRITY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE AND PRESS AVAILABILITY

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BATON ROUGE, La.—Louisiana Secretary of State Nancy Landry has announced the successful passage of all bills in the Department of State’s Election Integrity Legislative Package.

“I could not be more thankful to the authors and sponsors of the bills in our election integrity package and the members who supported those instruments,” Secretary Landry said. “Thanks to them, all 11 bills in our legislative package have passed overwhelmingly and will help Louisiana continue on the path to being ranked first in the nation in election integrity. I thank Governor Landry for signing several of these bills into law already and I look forward to working with the Governor to ensure the remaining bills in this package become law so that we can continue our work of making Louisiana's elections the safest and most secure in the country.”

The department’s package of bills are:

- HB 114 by Representative Les Farnum: Enacts an expanded voter canvass to further ensure that Louisiana’s voter rolls are accurate
- HB 285 (Now Act 264) by Representative Mark Wright: Creates the Division of Election Integrity within the Department of State
- HB 449 (Now Act 25) by Representative Michael Melerine: Requires court judgments of interdiction be delivered to the Registrar of Voters in the parish in which the interdicted individual is registered
- HB 476 by Representative Josh Carlson: Further cracks down on absentee ballot harvesting
- HB 506 by Representative Polly Thomas: Requires that those conducting voter registration drives register with the Secretary of State’s office, ensuring that voter registrations are timely submitted and that voters’ personal information is further protected
- HB 581 by Representative Polly Thomas: Provides for more specific penalties for those witnessing more than one absentee ballot of a non-family member; requires that those signing as a witness on an absentee ballot be at least 18 years of age; and requires the witness to provide their address
- SB 101 (Now Act 291) by Senator Blake Miguez: Bans ranked-choice voting in Louisiana elections
- SB 155 (Now Act 302) by Senator Caleb Kleinpeter: Prohibits individuals from assisting with more than one absentee ballot except for immediate family members
- SB 218 (Now Act 317) by Senator Caleb Kleinpeter: Restricts the unsolicited distribution of absentee ballot applications
- SB 226 (Now Act 321) by Senator Heather Cloud: Creates uniform standards for tabulating absentee ballots
- SB 436 by Senator Mike Fesi: Allows the Secretary of State to require proof of United States citizenship when registering to vote

Secretary Landry will be available for 15 minute interviews by credentialed media via phone, Google Meet, or Zoom on Wednesday, June 5, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Interested media outlets can contact Corey Ryder, Deputy Secretary of State for Outreach, at korey.ryder@sos.la.gov or 225-362-5111 to schedule a time to speak with Secretary Landry.

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