**STATE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS**

**JANUARY 23, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

An in person meeting of the State Board of Election Supervisors was held on January 23, 2023 in House Committee Room 4 at the State Capitol. Chairman Ardoin, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Patricia Daigle as acting secretary.

**Attendees:**

The following members were present: Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin, Chairman; Sherri Hadskey, Commissioner of Elections; Professor Blair Condoll, Governor Appointee; Ms. Robin Hooter, Clerk of Court’s Association; Joe Bishop, Police Jury Association; Tom Jones, Attorney General Designee; and Shanika Olinde, Registrar of Voters Association.

The following members were absent: Julie Samson, Lieutenant Governor’s Designee.

Also in attendance were Charlton Meginley, Jennifer Bollinger and Trey Brazan with the Louisiana Secretary of State’s Office.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Hooter made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. With no objection, the minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

Ms. Hooter made a motion to nominate Sherri Hadskey, Commissioner of Elections as vice chair of the State Board of Election Supervisors. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Ms. Hadskey was elected as vice chair of the board.

Charlton Meginley, General Counsel, Secretary of State, presented the Omnibus recommendations to the board:

**1.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:1280.21, La. R.S. 1280.22, La. R.S. 18:467, and La. R.S. 18:402 to ensure the dates established for qualifying are consistent with the dates established for the presidential primary qualifying date.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to approve item number 1 and Ms. Hooter seconded the motion. Item number 1 was approved.

**2.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:574(F) to include recounts in the days that will be affected by any delays in the compilation and promulgation of returns.

Ms. Hooter made a motion to approve item number 2 and Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion. Item number 2 was approved.

**3.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:566, La. R.S. 18:566.2, La. R.S. 1306, La. R.S. 18:1309, La. R.S. 18:1310, La. R.S. 18:1313, La. R.S. 18:1313.1, La. R.S. 18:1315, and La. R.S. 18:1333 to remove reference to envelope flap so that the statute will provide that the information will be on an envelope but may not always be placed on a flap.

Ms. Olinde made a motion to approve item number 3. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Item number 3 was approved.

**4.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:469 to provide that when a death of a candidate occurs during the specified time period, the timeline is triggered by notice versus death.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to move item number 4 to the standalone legislation rather than the omnibus. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Item number 4 was removed from the omnibus bill recommendations.

**5.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:154 to provide an exception to a candidate seeking records related to his own election during the time provided by La. R.S. 18:1405.

Ms. Hooter made a motion to approve item number 5. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion. Item number 5 was approved.

**6.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:1375 to clarify that the day after the lapse of time is the 10th day.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to strike item number 6 from the recommendations for the omnibus bill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hooter. Item number 6 was removed from the omnibus bill recommendations.

**7.)** Amend La. R. S. 18:1313(A)(2) to remove the threshold of 1,000 ballots to be consistent with La. R.S. 18:1313.1.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to approve item number 7. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Item number 7 was approved.

**8.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:109 to clarify it is the Secretary of State who mails the notice not the Registrar of Voters.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to approve item number 8. Ms. Olinde seconded the motion. Item number 8 was approved.

**9.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:175(D)(2) to replace “Registrar of Voters” with “Secretary of State” shall provide a list.

Ms. Hooter made a motion to approve item number 9. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Item number 9 was approved.

**10.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:443 and La. R.S. 18:1444 to add resignation to the list of events, in addition to death and removal, for vacancy of an office.

Trey Brazan, Commissions Division, Secretary of State, provided information for item number 10. Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve item number 10. Ms. Olinde seconded the motion. Item number 10 was approved.

**11.)** Amend La. R. S. 18:115.1(C)(1) to refer to La. R.S. 18:104(C)(1), removes provision no longer in law.

Ms. Olinde made a motion to approve item number 11. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion. Item number 11 was approved.

**12.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:154(D)(2) to mirror (D)(3), which requires that the certification by law enforcement only need to be provided to ROVs and entered into ERIN.

Ms. Olinde made a motion to approve item number 12. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion. Item number 12 was approved.

**13.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:1308(A)(2)(a) to remove out of date federal provision, 42 USC 1973(ff), and replace with 52 USC 20302.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to approve item number 13. Ms. Hooter seconded the motion. Item number 13 was approved.

**14.)** Amend La. R.S. 18:104(F) to clarify that the registrar shall furnish each applicant an unredacted copy of his application form, and that the copy is not subject to the 25 signatures requirement of R.S. 18:154(B).

Ms. Olinde made a motion to approve item number 14. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion. Item number 14 was approved.

Standalone legislation recommendations presented to the board:

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:423(J) to increase the number of meetings the parish board of election supervisors may be paid for both federal and non-federal elections.

Ms. Olinde made a motion to recommend item number 1 to the legislature. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion.

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:469 to provide that when a death of a candidate occurs during the specified time-period, a special election will be set forth in the weeks following the general election.

Ms. Hooter made a motion to recommend item number 2 to the legislature. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion.

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:425(B) to provide an exception for military member in Louisiana to serve as commissioners, the same exception provided to college students.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to recommend item number 3 to the legislature. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:425(B) to prohibit sex offenders from serving as a commissioner.

Ms. Hooter made a motion to recommend item number 4 to the legislature. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:178 to require parishes to ask about citizenship status on jury duty notices and questionnaires.

Ms. Hooter made a motion to recommend item number 5 to the legislature. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:154 to protect military members and their dependents from being released in a public records request.

Ms. Hadskey made a motion to recommend item number 6 to the legislature. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.

1. Amend La. R.S. 18:1309(A)(2) to allow for alternative locations for early voting.

Ms. Olinde made a motion to recommend item number 7 to the legislature. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Hooter made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hadskey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.