



2022 Policy PRIORITIES

SB 343 Expanding Early Voting Sites

Sponsored by Senator Gary Carter

- ➔ Early voting is a safe and secure way for voters to cast their ballots before Election Day to reduce wait times and fit into a variety of schedules. **SB 343 would increase the number of early voting locations for presidential elections.**

SB 343 has been deferred and is being considered as a resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution 14

Sponsored by
Representative Matthew Willard

- ➔ Creates a task force **to look into the procedures available to people with disabilities so that they can register to vote and cast their ballots, including any means available or that might be made available.**

- ➔ People with disabilities face additional barriers to voting and have particular needs that need to be addressed. The task force will, at minimum, investigate opportunities to provide curbside voting in Louisiana and other tactics to streamline the processes for voters with disabilities to receive assistance when voting.

HCR14 passed out of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee favorably with amendments

HB 720 Modernizing Emergency Election Planning

Sponsored by Representative Randal Gaines

- ➔ The current emergency election plan requires that legislators meet to approve an emergency election plan. During times of disaster, it can be difficult to bring together groups of legislators to approve an emergency election plan. This bill would give the Secretary of State more discretion **to create an emergency election plan in a timely manner to allow voters more time to adjust their voting plan accordingly.**

HB 680 Public Notice of Poll Site Changes

Sponsored by Representative Candace Newell

- ➔ This bill would provide voters with additional information and instructions to receive electronic and text message notifications about poll location changes through the GeauxVote app. Additionally, polling place locations may be published on the Registrar of Voters and Secretary of State websites. **This modernizes the way that voters are alerted with any changes using information provided on a voter registration form.**

House Resolution

(number forthcoming)

Sponsored by Representative Candace Newell

- ➔ Creates a task force to **look at options to streamline election dates to reduce spending and combat voter fatigue.**
- ➔ Louisiana's system overextends resources, dilutes voter participation, and amplifies confusion compared to other states. While adjusting terms and dates to align better local, state, and national election dates is a tall task, it would have incredible benefits for voter outreach, participation, and cost savings.

