

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 178

BY SENATOR RISER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VOTERS/VOTING. Allows the placement of voter registration application forms at certain retailers selling firearms. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:118, relative to voter registration forms; to provide for the availability of

3 voter registration cards by firearm retailers; to provide for registration with the

4 secretary of state to receive voter registration information and procedures; to provide

5 for definitions and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:118 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§118. Voter registration application form availability; firearm retailers**

9 **A. It is the intention of the legislature to increase the participation in the**

10 **electoral process by the citizens of the state. Therefore, voter registration**

11 **application forms, as provided for in this Section, may be made available to**

12 **purchasers of firearms at the point of purchase from firearm retailers located**

13 **in the state.**

14 **B. For the purposes of this Section:**

15 **(1) "Firearm" means any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun which is**

16 **designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from**

17 **which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.**

1 **(2) "Firearm retailer" means any retailer who possesses a Class 01**
 2 **Federal Firearms License and employs twenty-five or more full-time employees.**

3 **C. Firearm retailers who make voter registration applications available**
 4 **may register with the secretary of state to receive voter registration information**
 5 **and procedures.**

6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 10 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by James Benton. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tim Prather.

DIGEST

Riser (SB 178)

Proposed law provides that voter registration application forms may be made available to purchasers of firearms at the point of purchase from firearms retailers located in the state.

Proposed law defines "firearm retailer" as any retailer who possesses Class 01 Federal Firearms License, and employs 25 or more full-time employees.

Proposed law defines "firearm" as any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.

Proposed law provides that firearm retailers who make voter registration applications available may register with the secretary of state to receive voter registration information and procedures.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:118)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that voter registration application forms may be made available to purchasers of firearms at the point of purchase from firearms retailers located in the state.
2. Changes the terms "firearms" and "firearms retailers" to "firearm" and "firearm retailers".

3. Deletes provisions of proposed law relative to the duties of the secretary of state relative to establishment of rules and procedures for implementation of proposed law.
4. Adds a provision to proposed law allowing firearm retailers, who make voter registration applications available, to register with the secretary of state and receive voter registration information and procedures.