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## SECRETARY OF STATE NANCY LANDRY ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF VOTER PROTECTION BILLS

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—Louisiana Secretary of State Nancy Landry is proud to announce the passage of multiple legislative instruments in the Department of State's Voter Protection Package during the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.

"I am exceedingly grateful to the authors and sponsors of the bills in our Voter Protection Package and the members who supported those pieces of legislation," Secretary Landry said. "Thanks to them, four instruments from our legislative slate passed overwhelmingly, all with bipartisan support. These instruments 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, and I look forward to working with him to ensure the remaining instruments become law."

The department's package of bills that were passed are:

- SB 90 by Senator Rick Edmonds: Bans wagering on elections
- HB 206 by Representative Michael Melerine: Requires legislative approval of election-related consent decrees
- HB 351 (Act 80) by Representative Mike Johnson: Assesses court costs and attorney's fees for knowingly attesting to false information in a Notice of Candidacy
- SCR 35 by Senator Rick Edmonds: Calls for a procedural election audit by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor every four years

The contents of SB 109 by Senator Alan Seabaugh and HB 590 by Representative Annie Spell, which bans foreign funding of election contests and ballot measures, were amended into Representative Mark Wright's HB 693.

Secretary Landry will be available for 10-minute interviews with credentialed media via phone, Google Meet, or Zoom on Tuesday, June 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Interested media outlets can contact Joel Watson, Deputy Secretary of State for Communications, at joel.watson@sos.la.gov or 225-922-0820 to schedule an interview time.

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