

# SECRETARY OF STATE

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### MEASURES UTILIZED TO KEEP ABSENTEE VOTING SAFE

- Registrars track the number of sent and received ballots, verify that there is only one ballot per voter, and clearly mark any replacement ballots.
- Secretary of State staff perform logic and accuracy testing on the vote tally equipment in a public meeting.
- Zero proof reports are printed to verify that there is no vote tally on equipment prior to the start of tabulation.
- Rejected ballots are tracked and the tally turnout is compared to the expected total of ballots after all ballots have been scanned. If the numbers do not match, the Parish Board of Election Supervisors works diligently to resolve the matter.
- Ballots must be returned by 4:30 p.m. the day before the election.
- Ballot harvesting is illegal, per Act 210 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.
- All absentee ballots require a witness signature.
- Voters who vote absentee must have first voted in-person in a previous election and confirmed their identity.
- Ballot requests are not preemptively sent to every voter.
- Absentee ballots are not arbitrarily sent to every voter; rather, only to those who request and are qualified to receive them.