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## **“College Students will finally have the ability to use their University issued IDs to vote!”**

**Baton Rouge, LA.** Gov. John Bel Edwards signed HB940 into law on June 10th, 2016 ensuring that Louisiana college students will be able to use their university ID cards to vote in local, state and federal elections beginning in 2016. The bill sponsored by Rep. Randal Gaines (D-Laplace) passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays in the House Chamber and 83 yeas and 0 nays in the Senate. Higher education systems’ governing boards will ensure that the student identification cards they issue meet voter ID requirements within less than three years.

This legislation was written by the office Rep. Randall Gaines and supported by Geaux Vote LSU, Crescent City Media Group/Open Democracy Project, Lindy Boggs National Center for Community Literacy-Loyola, Brothers for Progress @ Loyola University, students at the Manship School of Mass Communication at LSU, and students at Southern University of New Orleans. Although the new law does not take effect until Jan. 1, 2019, Louisiana State University will have new ID cards issued for the fall of 2016, allowing LSU students to make history as the first to cast ballots for the Presidential Primaries.

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