2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Requires candidates for public office to provide a valid email address when qualifying for office

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a), relative to notice of candidacy, to provide for required information on a notice of candidacy; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§463. Notice of candidacy; campaign finance disclosure; political advertising; penalties

A.(1)(a) A notice of candidacy shall be in writing and shall state the candidate's name, the office he seeks, the address of his domicile, his telephone number, his electronic mail address ~~if available~~, and the parish, ward, and precinct where he is registered to vote. The candidate shall list on the notice of candidacy the name of the political party if he is registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party, "other" if he is registered as being affiliated with a political party that is not a recognized political party, or "no party" or an abbreviation thereof if he is registered with no political party affiliation. No candidate shall change or add his political party designation, for purposes of printing on the election ballot as required by R.S. 18:551(D), after he has qualified for the election.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a candidate to provide an email address when qualifying for office

Present law requires that a candidate provide the following in his notice of candidacy: his name, the office he seeks, the address of his domicile, his telephone number, his electronic mail address if available, and the parish, ward, and precinct where he is registered to vote.

Proposed law retains present law but makes it mandatory to provide a valid email address when qualifying.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a))

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