

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 342

2025 Regular Session

Bayham

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Provides relative to qualifying fees and nominating petitions for certain candidates

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes provision regarding who can sign a nominating petition.
2. Removes special effective date based on prior Act.
3. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 18:464(B)) provides for the amount of qualifying fees for candidates in primary elections. Provides for the following fees for state candidates:

- (1) For governor: \$750.
- (2) For justice of the supreme court, judge of a court of appeal, and member of the public service commission: \$450.
- (3) For all other state candidates: \$600.

Proposed law provides for the following qualifying fees:

- (1) Increases the fee for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance to \$2,500.
- (2) Increases the fee for U.S. senator to \$3,500.
- (3) Increases the fee for U.S. representative to \$1,500.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:465(C)) provides for the number of signatures required for a nominating petition. Provides that the number of qualified voters who must timely sign a nominating petition for a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state is 5,000. Further provides that no less than 500 of the signatures shall be from each congressional district into which the state is divided. Requires 1,000 signatures from within the district for U.S. representative in congress.

Proposed law decreases the number of signatures required for a nominating petition for a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state from 5,000 to 2,500. Decreases the number of signatures required from each congressional district from 500 to 250. Decreases the number of signatures required for a candidate of U.S. representative in congress from 1,000 to 750.

(Amends R.S. 18:464(B)(1), and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b))