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Present law provides that a person who desires to become a candidate in a primary election will qualify as a candidate by timely filing notice of his candidacy, which will be accompanied either by a nominating petition or by the qualifying fee and any additional fee imposed.

Present law provides that a candidate whose notice of candidacy is accompanied by a nominating petition will not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee and a candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States will not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee.

Present law provides that the notice of candidacy may be filed in any of the following ways:

(1) In person by the candidate.

(2) By certified mail or commercial carrier, provided the notice is received within the qualifying period provided by law by the qualifying official.

(3) By an agent on behalf of the candidate.

(4) By facsimile or electronic mail if filed by a candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States.

Present law provides that no person, whether or not currently registered as a voter with the registrar of voters, will qualify to become a candidate if he is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

Proposed law provides that when filing the notice of candidacy, the candidate will provide proof of identity such as a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to present law, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name, address, and signature of the applicant.

Proposed law provides that a copy of the identification utilized by the candidate as provided by proposed law will be attached to the notice of candidacy and retained by the clerk of court where the candidate qualified for office or the office of secretary of state.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 18:461(A)(2)(intro para); adds R.S. 18:461(A)(4))