

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 208 (SB 36)

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Prior law provided that upon receipt of a notice of candidacy, the secretary of state or the clerk of court will endorse upon it the date and time of filing and either the amount of the qualifying fee paid by the candidate or a statement that a nominating petition was filed by the candidate.

Prior law (R.S. 18:463) provided for the qualifications to become a candidate as well as the penalties associated with breach of such qualifications.

New law provides that upon receipt and acceptance of a notice of candidacy that meets the requirements of prior law, the secretary of state or the clerk of court will endorse upon it the date and time of filing and either the amount of the qualifying fee paid by the candidate or a statement that a nominating petition was filed by the candidate.

New law provides that the acceptance of a notice of candidacy that meets the requirements of prior law by the secretary of state or the clerk of court is mandatory and ministerial and the secretary of state or the clerk of court shall not have discretion to verify the qualifications of a potential candidate.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 11, 2020).

(Amends R.S. 18:470(A)(1))