

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided that all members of a state central committee of a recognized political party will be elected every four years at the same time as the presidential preference primary election, that the term of office will not exceed for a period beyond the time for which the member was elected, and that members elected in 1991 will serve until their successors are chosen.

New law retains prior law provision regarding election of members every four years at the same time as the presidential preference election and removes the provisions regarding terms of office not extending beyond the time for which a member was elected and members elected in 1991 serving until their successors are chosen.

New law provides that notwithstanding prior law, in the event an election for members of the state central committee does not occur at the same time as the presidential preference primary in 2020, the members of the state central committee shall be elected at the runoff of the next regularly scheduled election. Provides that the secretary of state shall select the dates for qualification of candidates, conforming as closely as practicable with the timelines established in prior law. Provides that the provisions of new law shall cease to be effective on June 1, 2021.

Prior law provided that membership of the state central committee of a recognized political party with which 30% or less of the registered voters in the state are affiliated will be composed and apportioned as provided in prior law.

New law provides that membership of the state central committee of a recognized political party may alternatively elect to be composed and apportioned as provided by new law, notwithstanding the provisions of prior law.

Prior law provided that a state central committee of a recognized political party with which 30% or less of the registered voters in the state are affiliated on the day of the close of registration for the gubernatorial general election will be established, composed, apportioned and elected pursuant to enumerated criteria in prior law.

New law provides an alternative method to prior law in which a state central committee of a recognized political party may choose to be established, composed, apportioned and elected pursuant to enumerated criteria in new law.

Prior law provided that members of a parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be elected every four years at the same time as the presidential preference primary election. Provided that the term of office shall not extend beyond the time for which the member was elected.

New law retains prior law but provides that the term office of the members shall be until their successors are qualified and elected.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 12, 2020).

(Amends R.S. 18:443(B)(1), 443.1(B), 443.2 (intro para), (2)(a)(ii), (3), and (7), and 444(B)(1); adds R.S. 18:443(G))