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## DIGEST

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HB 135 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits registered sex offenders and child predators from serving as election commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, alternate commissioners, and watchers.

Present law provides qualifications for election commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, alternate commissioners, and watchers.

Present law provides as follows with respect to the duties of these election officials:

- (1) The commissioner-in-charge administers the oath to the commissioners, presides over the election, prints results from the voting machines, closes the polling place, and delivers specified information to the clerk of court.
- (2) Commissioners and alternate commissioners conduct primary and general elections at each polling place, enforce the election laws, and maintain order at the polling place during the election and the printing of results.
- (3) Watchers are admitted within all parts of the polling place during the election day and the printing of results and call any infraction of law to the attention of the commissioners.

Present law provides that a person who commits certain sex offenses and criminal offenses against a minor shall be required to register as a sex offender or child predator.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits persons who are required to register as sex offenders or child predators from serving as election commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, alternate commissioners, and watchers.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:427(A); Adds R.S. 18:424(B)(6), 425(B)(3)(d), and 426(A)(2)(c))