

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

ELECTIONS: Provides that statewide elective offices and legislative offices are party primary offices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(7), relative to party primary offices; to include statewide  
3 elective offices and legislative offices in the definition of party primary office; to  
4 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:2(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2. Definitions

8 As used in this Code, the following words and terms shall have the meanings  
9 hereinafter ascribed to each, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

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11 (7) "Party primary office" means a state office voted on statewide, an office  
12 of senator or representative in the United States Congress, the office of justice of the  
13 supreme court, ~~the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the~~  
14 ~~Public Service Commission~~ an elective office on a state board or commission, and  
15 the office of a member of the state House of Representatives or Senate.

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17 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective when Act No. 1 of the  
18 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the legislature becomes effective.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Includes statewide elected office and legislative office as a party primary office subject to party primary elections.

Present law establishes a party primary election procedure for selecting candidates for party primary offices. Defines "party primary offices" as an office of senator or representative in the U.S. Congress, justice of the supreme court, the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Public Service Commission.

Proposed law adds statewide elected office and legislative office as party primary offices. Makes further technical changes to the definition of "party primary office" so that pursuant to present law and proposed law it means a state office voted on statewide, an office of senator or representative in the U.S. Congress, the office of justice of the supreme court, an elective office on a state board or commission, and the office of a member of the state House of Representatives or Senate.

Effective when present law (Act No. 1 of the 2024 1st E.S.) becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 18:2(7))