

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 697

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ETHICS/BOARD: Provides relative to the authority of the Board of Ethics to object to the candidacy of candidates for certain offices

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:491(C)(introductory paragraph), relative to objections to
3 candidacy; to provide for the offices for which the Board of Ethics or Supervisory
4 Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure shall bring or join in the action
5 objecting to candidacy; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:491(C)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §491. Standing to object to candidacy

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11 C. In addition to the persons with standing to bring an action objecting to
12 candidacy as provided in Subsections A and B of this Section, the Supervisory
13 Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and Board of Ethics shall bring or join
14 in the following actions against any local candidate, municipal candidate, candidate
15 for a political party committee, or state candidate other than a candidate for federal
16 office:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and Board of Ethics shall bring or join in actions for the objection to candidacy against local candidates, municipal candidates, candidates for a political party committee, or state candidates other than candidates for federal office

Present law requires the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to bring or join in an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election on the grounds that the candidate falsely certified on his notice of candidacy that he does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Present law requires the Board of Ethics to bring or join in an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election for an office on the grounds that the candidate falsely certified on his notice of candidacy that he does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Present law requires the Board of Ethics to bring or join in an action filed on the grounds that the candidate is prohibited by law from becoming a candidate for one or more of the offices for which he qualified because he had been appointed by a municipal or parish governing authority to fill the vacancy in the same office for which he is a candidate.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and Board of Ethics shall bring or join in such actions against any local candidate, municipal candidate, candidate for a political party committee, or state candidate other than a candidate for federal office.

(Amends R.S. 18:491(C)(intro. para.))