
DIGEST

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HB 570 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

Billings

Abstract: Authorizes a registered voter to vote for membership on the political party committee of his registered affiliation if his designation or change of affiliation is made prior to the close of registration.

Present law requires the registrar to close voter registration 30 days prior to an election, except in the case of electronic registration, which shall close 20 days prior to an election. Authorizes a registrant to register with or without a party designation and requires the registrant to make application to change his party registration with the registrar.

Present law provides that a voter may vote in an election for a political party committee of the party with which he is affiliated if his affiliation is noted by the registrar at least 30 days before the election. Present law applies whether the registrant changes from one party affiliation to another, affiliates with a party after having not been affiliated with any party, or selects no party affiliation after having been affiliated with a party.

Proposed law provides that if the change is made prior to the close of registration, whether it be 30 days prior to the election or 20 days in the case of electronic registration, he may vote on the membership of the political party committee of his new affiliation.

(Amends R.S. 18:521(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove present law and proposed law regarding ineligibility to vote party committee candidates in the renounced or abandoned party after registration is timely changed.