

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 495 (HB 342)

2025 Regular Session

Bayham

Existing law (R.S. 18:464(B)) provides for the amount of qualifying fees for candidates in primary elections. Provides for a qualifying fee of \$450 for justice of the supreme court, judge of a court of appeal, and member of the public service commission.

Prior law provided for the following qualifying fees:

- (1) For governor: \$750.
- (2) For state candidates other than justice of the supreme court, judge of a court of appeal, and member of the public service commission: \$600.

New law provides for the following qualifying fees:

- (1) Increases the fee for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance to \$2,500.
- (2) Increases the fee for U.S. senator in congress to \$3,500.
- (3) Increases the fee for U.S. representative in congress to \$1,500.

Prior law (R.S. 18:465(C)) provided that the number of qualified voters who must timely sign a nominating petition for a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state is 5,000. Further provided that no less than 500 of the signatures shall be from each congressional district into which the state is divided. Required 1,000 signatures from within the district for U.S. representative in congress.

New law decreases the number of signatures required for a nominating petition for a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state from 5,000 to 2,500. Decreases the number of signatures required from each congressional district from 500 to 250. Decreases the number of signatures required for a candidate of U.S. representative in congress from 1,000 to 750.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 18:464(B)(1), and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b))