
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the death of a candidate who is not affiliated with a major political party after the close of the qualifying period.

Present law provides for qualifying for the general election for a party primary office for candidates not affiliated with a major political party. Provides for who is allowed to sign the nominating petition for a candidate not affiliated with a major political party.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if a person qualifies as a candidate pursuant to present law and subsequently dies after the close of the qualifying period, the candidate's name shall not be printed on the general election ballot. Provides that if the deceased candidate's name is printed on the ballot, any votes received for the deceased candidate shall be void and shall not be counted for any purpose.

(Adds R.S. 18:410.8(C))