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## DIGEST

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HB No. 428

**Abstract:** Repeals provisions allowing for a refund of qualifying fees under certain circumstances when a candidate files multiple notices of candidacy.

Present law (R.S. 18:453) prohibits a person from becoming a candidate in a primary or general election for more than one office and from becoming a candidate at the same time for two or more different offices to be filled at separate elections. Provides exceptions.

Present law (R.S. 18:461) requires a person who desires to become a candidate in a primary election to qualify by timely filing a notice of candidacy. Provides that when a candidate has filed multiple notices of candidacy for election to more than one office at the same election, which multiple candidacies would be in violation of present law (R.S. 18:453), the candidate shall be disqualified as a candidate in all the primary and general elections for all but the last of such offices for which he filed notices of candidacy. Requires the secretary of state to include the name of the candidate on the ballot for election to the last of such offices for which the candidate filed notices of candidacy and to no other such office for which dual candidacy would be prohibited. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for a refund of qualifying fees under certain circumstances when a person files multiple notices of candidacy. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:461(B))