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## DIGEST

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Danahay

HB No. 226

**Abstract:** Removes the requirement that qualifying be reopened if no candidate qualifies or if the number of candidates who have qualified for an office is fewer than the number of positions to be filled in that office.

Present law provides that qualifying in a primary election is reopened when a person who qualified and had opposition dies after the close of qualifying and before the time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary election. Present law further provides that qualifying in a primary is reopened if no candidate qualifies or if the number of candidates who have qualified for an office is fewer than the number of positions to be filled in that office. Present law provides procedures and requirements for notice of the reopening, for time periods for such reopening, and if applicable, for the voiding of votes cast in the primary election and for the rescheduled primary and general elections.

Proposed law removes the provision requiring qualifying to be reopened if no candidate qualifies or if the number of candidates who have qualified for an office is fewer than the number of positions to be filled in that office and otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:469(C); Repeals R.S. 18:469(B))