

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

POLITICAL PARTIES: Provides that a person who is not affiliated with any political party is designated as "independent" instead of "no party" on voter registration records, a notice of candidacy, and a ballot

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 18:441(B)(4), relative to political parties; to repeal the prohibition against the
3 recognition of certain political parties; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:441(B)(4) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals the prohibition against the recognition of a political party which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party".

Present law (R.S. 18:441) provides requirements and procedures for a political party to become a recognized political party. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:441(B)(4)) provides that no political party shall be recognized which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party". Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Repeals R.S. 18:441(B)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds effective date of January 1, 2015.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Removes provisions of proposed law that would have provided relative to persons not affiliated with a recognized political party, in connection with voter registration, candidate qualifying, and election ballots.
2. Adds provisions repealing the present law prohibition against the recognition of a political party which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party".