The original instrument was prepared by Nancy Vicknair. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tim Prather.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that a candidate in a primary election may withdraw from the election by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day after the close of the qualifying period.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the notice of withdrawal will be signed by the candidate and duly acknowledged by him before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides notwithstanding <u>present law</u>, if there are only two candidates remaining in a primary or general election for a public office, the secretary of state will accept a notice of withdrawal that is filed prior to 4:30 p.m. on the second day prior to the election.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the candidate remaining after the withdrawal is declared elected by the people.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:501(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental</u> Affairs to the original bill

- 1. Deletes provisions relative to elections compliance units within the Dept. of State.
- 2. Adds provisions relative to withdrawal of candidates and election of candidates.