## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

## ACT 657 (SB 270)

## **2018 Regular Session**

Carter

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

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

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 1, 2018).

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