

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

ELECTIONS/PRESIDENTIAL: Provides relative to the submission of nominees for the offices of president and vice president

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1253.1 and to repeal R.S. 18:1253.1, relative to the selection of presidential  
3 electors; to provide relative to deadlines for certification of electors and nominations  
4 for the offices of president and vice president; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1253.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1253.1. Nominating by political parties; certificates of nomination; certification of  
8 nominees for the offices of president and vice president in 2020

9 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:1253(E), if the nominees for the  
10 offices of president and vice president nominated by a national convention of a  
11 recognized political party, together with a slate of candidates for the offices of  
12 presidential electors to support such nominees, are not properly certified to the  
13 secretary of state by the state central committee of that party prior to 4:30 p.m. on  
14 the fourth Friday in August of 2020, the national chairman of the political party, after  
15 notifying the chairman of the state central committee of that political party, shall  
16 certify a slate of electors to support such nominees by 4:30 p.m. on the first Monday  
17 following the fourth Friday in August. Such certificate filed with the secretary of  
18 state shall be accompanied by the notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector  
19 signifying that the certificate constitutes his acceptance of the nomination.

20 Section 2. R.S. 18:1253.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

1           Section 3(A). Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective upon  
2 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of  
3 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article  
4 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and  
5 subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become  
6 effective on the day following such approval.

7           (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes deadlines for certification of presidential electors in 2020.

Present law relative to nomination of presidential electors in a presidential election year, requires each recognized political party to nominate a full slate of candidates for elector. Provides that if the state central committee does not properly certify a slate of electors to the secretary of state by a specified deadline, the national chairman of the political party shall certify a slate of electors by a specified deadline.

Present law provides that the deadline for certification by the state central committee is the third Tues. in Aug. and requires certification by the national chairman by the following Fri.

Proposed law changes the deadlines for the presidential election in 2020; the deadline for the state central committee is the fourth Fri. in Aug. and the deadline for the national chairman is the following Mon. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective in part upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; effective in part on July 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 18:1253.1; Repeals R.S. 18:1253.1)