
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for changes to elections, voting, and plans of a state central committee of a recognized party.

Present law provides that a political party's members of the state central committee are elected every four years at the same time as the presidential preference primary election to a term no longer than the period for which the member was elected. Further provides that members elected in 1991 shall serve until their successors are chosen.

Proposed law removes the exception that members elected in 1991 shall serve until their successors are chosen.

Present law provides that for a political party of which 30% percent or less of the registered voters in the state are affiliated, the membership of the state central committee is composed and apportioned as provided in R.S. 18:443.2.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the required percentage.

Present law provides that for a political party of which 30% percent or less of the registered voters in the state are affiliated, all members of a state central committee are elected at the same time as the presidential preference primary election. Further provides that the term of office will be no longer than the period for which the member was elected.

Proposed law gives a state central committee the option to choose whether to be elected as provided in R.S. 18:443.2 or by R.S. 18:443.1. Changes the term of a member, the member's term will be until the next presidential primary is held or until his successor is qualified and elected in the event that the election for state central committee members cannot be held at the same time as the presidential preference primary election.

Present law prohibits a member of a state central committee to exercise the proxy votes of more than three other members at any meeting.

Proposed law removes prohibition.

Present law provides that when a state central committee does not adopt and file a plan, the membership of such state central committee shall be composed of 144 members with one member elected from each of the districts from which members of the House of Representatives and the

Senate of the Legislature are elected.

Proposed law removes that provision of present law and provides that a plan previously filed by the state central committee remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by the state central committee.

(Amends R.S. 18:443(B)(1), 443.1(B), and 443.2(2)(a)(ii), (3), and (7))