

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 218

BY SENATOR CLOUD

ELECTED OFFICIALS. Requires that completion of qualifying forms for elected office shall include submission of valid identification. (8/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:461(A)(2) and to enact R.S.
3 18:461(A)(4), relative to qualifying for candidates; to provide proof of identity; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 18:461(A)(2) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted and R.S. 18:461(A)(4) is enacted to read as follows:

8 §461. Manner of qualifying

9 A. * * *

10 (2) The notice of candidacy, accompanied with proof of identity of the
11 candidate and, if applicable, the agent of the candidate, such as a Louisiana
12 driver's license, a Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to R.S.
13 40:1321, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains
14 the name, address, and signature of the candidate and, if applicable, the agent
15 of the candidate, may be filed in any of the following ways:

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17 (4) A copy of the identification utilized by the candidate and, if

by proposed law will be attached to the notice of candidacy and retained by the clerk of court where the candidate qualified for office or the office of secretary of state.

Proposed law provides that the proof of identification utilized shall redact the audit code on the driver's license or special identification card, social security number, driver's license number, and day and month of the date of birth of the candidate and, if applicable, the agent of the candidate, by either manual or digital methods.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 18:461(A)(2)(intro para); adds R.S. 18:461(A)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires certain personal information be redacted from proof of identification.

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Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Allows an agent of a candidate to provide proof of a candidate's identity.
2. Redacts certain information from the proof of identification provided by the candidate or his agent.