SLS 20RS-384 **REENGROSSED**

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

applicable, the agent of the candidate, as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall 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. 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.

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

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Present law provides that a person who desires to become a candidate in a primary election will qualify as a candidate by timely filing notice of his candidacy, which will be accompanied either by a nominating petition or by the qualifying fee and any additional fee imposed.

Present law provides that a candidate whose notice of candidacy is accompanied by a nominating petition will not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee and a candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States will not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional

<u>Present law</u> provides that the notice of candidacy may be filed in any of the following ways:

(1) In person by the candidate.

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- By certified mail or commercial carrier, provided the notice is received within the (2) qualifying period provided by law by the qualifying official.
- By an agent on behalf of the candidate. (3)
- **(4)** By facsimile or electronic mail if filed by a candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States.

Present law provides that no person, whether or not currently registered as a voter with the registrar of voters, will qualify to become a candidate if he is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

Proposed law provides that when filing the notice of candidacy, the candidate or the candidate's agent will provide proof of identity such as a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to present law, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name, address, and signature of the candidate and, if applicable, the agent of the candidate.

Proposed law provides that a copy of the identification utilized by the candidate as provided

by <u>proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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.