

ACT No. 175

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:491(B), relative to objections to candidacy for elective office; to provide relative to review of evidence by a district attorney; to provide relative to filing of objections by a district attorney; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:491(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§491. Standing to object to candidacy

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B. A registered voter may present evidence that a candidate has illegally qualified for elective office. The evidence may be presented to the respective parish district attorney, who ~~shall~~ may determine whether or not the evidence presented establishes grounds for objecting to such candidacy and if the district attorney makes such a determination he ~~shall~~ may file an action objecting to candidacy within the time limitation provided in R.S. 18:493.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____