
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that all qualified voters may vote on candidates for judicial office without regard to the voter's party affiliation or lack thereof and all candidates for judicial offices may be voted on without regard to the candidate's party affiliation or lack thereof; exempts candidates for judicial office from additional fees imposed by political party committees; and prohibits indication of party affiliation of judicial candidates on ballots.

Proposed law provides that all qualified voters may vote on candidates for judicial office without regard to the voter's party affiliation or lack of it, and all candidates for judicial office may be voted on without regard to the candidate's party affiliation or lack of it.

Present law (R.S. 18:464) provides the amounts of qualifying fees for candidates. Provides different amounts based on the category of office. Further authorizes the state central committee of a political party to impose an additional fee on state candidates and presidential candidates affiliated with that party in an amount up to one-half of the qualifying fee for the office and further authorizes parish executive committees to impose an additional fee on local or municipal candidates affiliated with that party in an amount up to one-half of the qualifying fee for the office.

Proposed law exempts candidates for judicial offices from paying the additional fee imposed by political party committees.

Present law provides that the political party designation of a candidate shall be listed on the primary or general election ballot on the same line and immediately after or below the candidate's name.

Proposed law retains present law but prohibits listing the political party designation of judicial candidates on ballots.

Effective May 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:551(D); Adds R.S. 18:401.5 and 464(C)(5) and (D)(3))