

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 217

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Increases the qualifying fees for certain state candidates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:464(B)(1), relative to qualifying fees; to increase qualifying
3 fees of certain state candidates; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 18:464(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §464. Qualifying fees; additional fees imposed by political party committees;
7 financial statements

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9 B. Amount of qualifying fees. The qualifying fees for candidates in primary
10 elections are:

11 (1) For state candidates -- ~~seven hundred fifty dollars for governor, five~~
12 thousand dollars for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney
13 general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance; two
14 thousand five hundred dollars for United States senator and representative in
15 congress and member of the public service commission; four hundred fifty dollars
16 for justice of the supreme court; and judge of a court of appeal; ~~and member of the~~
17 ~~public service commission;~~ and six hundred dollars for all other state candidates.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases qualifying fees for candidates of certain state offices.

Present law establishes qualifying fees for candidates of certain state offices.

Proposed law increases qualifying fees for candidates for governor from \$750 to \$5,000.

Proposed law increases qualifying fees for candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance from \$600 to \$5,000.

Proposed law increases qualifying fees for candidates for U.S. senator and representative in congress from \$600 to \$2,500.

Proposed law increases qualifying fees for candidates for public service commission from \$450 to \$2,500.

Proposed law retains present law providing that the qualifying fee for candidates for justice of the supreme court or appeals court judge is \$450 and that the qualifying fee for other state candidates is \$600.

(Amends R.S. 18:464(B)(1))