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Present law prohibits a candidate in an election from, with the intent to mislead the voters, distributing or causing to be distributed any oral, visual, or written material containing any statement which he knows or should be reasonably expected to know makes a false statement about another candidate in the election.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits any person or political committee from making such a statement.

Present law, for violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics and other laws within jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics, by an elected official or other person (except violations of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act which are governed by that Act) authorizes the board by a majority vote of the membership to censure the elected official or person, or impose a fine of not more than $10,000, or both. For violations by a public employee or other person, authorizes the board by the same vote to remove, suspend, or order a reduction in pay or demotion of the public employee or other person, or impose a fine of not more than $10,000, or both. Present law applies to violations of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 42:1130.4)