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SB 68 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

Pressly

Present law (La. Election Code) provides procedures for objections to candidacy and election contests and challenges.

The supreme court provides general administrative rules for all La. courts including the appointment of ad hoc judges.

Proposed law provides that when an action is brought objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate for a local or municipal office, contesting an election regarding a local or municipal office, contesting a non-statewide proposition election, or contesting the certification of a recall petition of a public officer holding a local or municipal office, the supreme court shall appoint an ad hoc judge to preside over the matter. Provides that the ad hoc judge so appointed shall be either a judge who serves or a retired judge who served in a judicial district that is not the judicial district in which the action was instituted and not adjacent to it. Present law provides that "local candidates" are candidates for the state legislature and other district offices; parochial offices, including the office of parish judge; and ward offices and provides that "municipal candidates" are candidates for city, town, and village offices.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:1403.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit requirement to appoint an ad hoc judge to matters involving a local or municipal office and non-statewide proposition elections.
2. Make proposed law effective upon signature of governor.
3. Make technical changes.