

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides definitions for terms used in the La. Election Code.

New law adds a definition for the terms "ranked-choice voting" and "instant runoff voting". Provides that such terms mean a method of nominating or electing one or more candidates to an office when:

- (1) Voters rank candidates on the ballot in order of preference.
- (2) Tabulation proceeds in rounds such that in each round, one or more candidates are nominated or elected, or a last-place candidate is defeated.
- (3) Votes are transferred from nominated, elected, or defeated candidates to the voter's next-ranked candidate or candidates in order of preference.
- (4) Tabulation ends when a candidate receives the majority of the votes cast or when the number of candidates nominated or elected equals the number of offices to be filled, as applicable.

New law prohibits use of ranked-choice voting or instant runoff voting for determining the election or nomination of any candidate to any local, state, or federal elective office.

New law specifies that notwithstanding the prohibition, all votes cast by military and overseas voters by special absentee by mail ballots in accordance with the Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and existing law (Title 18) shall be counted in accordance with the provisions of existing law (Title 18).

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(Adds R.S. 18:2(16) and 405)