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HOUSE BILL NO. 372

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITNEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates prestige license plates for the Louisiana Republican and Democratic Parties

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161, relative to motor vehicle special prestige plates; to
3 provide for the "Republican Party of Louisiana" license plate; to provide for the
4 "Democratic Party of Louisiana" license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance,
5 and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and distribution of
6 fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations relative
7 to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license; and to provide for
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §463.160. Special prestige license plates; "Republican Party of Louisiana"

12 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
13 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
14 "Republican Party of Louisiana" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand
15 applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger
16 cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

17 B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the chairman of the
18 Republican Party of Louisiana.

19 C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen
20 of Louisiana in the same manner as any motor vehicle license plate in this state.

1 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars,
2 which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee
3 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,
4 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and
5 fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
6 administrative costs.

7 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
8 the state central committee of the Republican Party of Louisiana.

9 F. The first five hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the direction
10 of the Republican Party of Louisiana.

11 G. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as necessary to
12 implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and
13 regulations governing the collection and disbursement of annual fees and the transfer
14 and disposition of such license plates.

15 §463.161. Special prestige license plates; "Democratic Party of Louisiana"

16 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
17 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
18 "Democratic Party of Louisiana" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand
19 applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger
20 cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

21 B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the chairman of the
22 Democratic Party of Louisiana.

23 C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen
24 of Louisiana in the same manner as any motor vehicle license plate in this state.

25 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars,
26 which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee
27 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,
28 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and

- 1 fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
 2 administrative costs.
- 3 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
 4 the state central committee of the Democratic Party of Louisiana.
- 5 F. The first five hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the direction
 6 of the Democratic Party of Louisiana.
- 7 G. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as necessary to
 8 implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and
 9 regulations governing the collection and disbursement of annual fees and the transfer
 10 and disposition of such license plates.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates a special prestige license plate for the Republican Party of La. and the Democratic Party of La. Provides for the fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, design, and promulgation of rules related to these special prestige license plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to establish special prestige motor vehicle license plates to be known as the "Republican Party of Louisiana" and the "Democratic Party of Louisiana" plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for each such plate. These license plates will be restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

Proposed law specifies that the color and design of the plates will be selected by the chairman of each respective organization.

Proposed law provides that the prestige license plates shall be issued, upon application, to any La. citizen in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law establishes a royalty fee of \$25 for the "Republican Party of Louisiana" and the "Democratic Party of Louisiana" plate, authorizes a handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department and specifies that the recipient of the royalty fees shall be the state central committee of each respective organization.

Proposed law provides that the first 500 plates shall be reserved for purchase at the direction of each respective organization.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161)