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## DIGEST

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HB No. 485

**Abstract:** Changes the opening of the qualifying period for congressional elections from the third Wed. in Aug. to the first Wed. in Aug.

Present law (R.S. 18:402(B)) provides that primary elections for members of congress and officers elected at the same time as members of congress shall be held on the first Tues. after the first Mon. in Nov. of an election year. Provides that general elections for members of congress and officers elected at the same time as members of congress shall be held on the fifth Sat. after the first Tues. after the first Mon. in Nov. of an election year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 18:467) provides that the qualifying period for candidates in a congressional primary election and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time shall open on the third Wed. in Aug. of the year of the election. Proposed law changes the opening of the qualifying period from the third Wed. in Aug. to the first Wed. in Aug.

Present law (R.S. 18:468) provides that the qualifying period for candidates in a congressional primary election shall close at 5 p.m. on the Fri. after the opening of the qualifying period or, if that Fri. is a legal holiday, at 5 p.m. on the next day which is not a legal holiday. Proposed law retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:467(2))