## SLS 14RS-193

## **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 60

BY SENATOR GALLOT

VOTERS/VOTING. Changes the designation of a candidate on an election ballot who is not a member of a recognized party. (8/1/14)

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1	purposes of printing on the election ballot as required by R.S. 18:551(D), after he has
2	qualified for the election.
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4	§551. Ballots
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6	D. Political party designation. The political party designation of a candidate
7	who is registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party shall be listed
8	on the primary or general election ballot on the same line and immediately after or
9	below the candidate's name. If a candidate is affiliated with a political party, but such
10	party is not a recognized political party, the word "other" shall be placed after his
11	name. If a candidate is not affiliated with any political party, the words "no party"
12	word "independent" or an abbreviation thereof shall be placed after his name. The
13	secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the
14	provisions and purposes of this Subsection.
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16	Section 2. R.S. 18:441(B)(4) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Menou.

## DIGEST

## Gallot (SB 60)

<u>Present law</u> provides that a political candidate not registered with a political party will list "no party" on the notice of candidacy and primary or general election ballot.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows a political candidate not registered with a political party to list "independent" on the notice of candidacy and primary or general election ballot.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits a political party which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party" from being recognized.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows for the recognition of a political party that declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party".

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a) and 551(D); repeals R.S. 18:441(B)(4))