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## DIGEST

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HB 483 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Allows for restitution of certain election expenses by persons convicted of election offenses.

Present law (Ch. 10 of Title 18) provides for election offenses, including bribery; coercion; offenses affecting registration; election fraud and forgery; offenses affecting election officials and watchers; offenses involving threats and intimidation of voters, election officials, and candidates; and tampering with election equipment. Provides penalties for violations of present law.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that in addition to the penalties provided in present law, a person convicted pursuant to the provisions of present law may be ordered to make full or partial restitution to the state, a local or municipal entity, or both, for election expenses incurred in conducting a new election ordered as a result of the offense. Provides that if a person ordered to make restitution is found to be unable to make restitution at the time of conviction, the court shall order a periodic payment plan consistent with the person's ability to pay.

(Adds R.S. 18:1473)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the requirement that the convicted person be indigent in order to make restitution through a periodic payment plan.