

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 18

Effective date is August 1, 2025 unless otherwise noted

<u>LSA-R.S.</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Act No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u>
R ✓ 18:2 ⁽⁶⁾ (4)	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:2 ⁽⁸⁾ (6)	Note	386	3/7 ✓	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:2 ⁽⁹⁾ (7)	Note	386	3/7 ✓	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:2 ⁽¹²⁾ (10)	Note	386	3/7 ✓	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:2 ⁽¹⁾ (20)	Enact	386	1	
✓ 18:2 ⁽²⁾ (21)	Enact	386	1	
✓ 18:18(D)	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:18(E)	Enact	499	1	06/30/2025 ✓
✓ 18:25(B)	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:44(A)	Note	386	4 ✓	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:44(B)(5)(b)	Note	386	4 ✓	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:53(A)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:53(B)(1)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:53(B)(2)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:55(A)(4)(b)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:58(B)(2)	Note	386	4 ✓	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:58(E)	Enact	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:59(B)(4)(b)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:59(C)(4)(b)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:60	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:104(C)(1)(Intro.Par.)	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:107(G)	Enact	84	1	
✓ 18:108(A)	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:108(C)	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:111	Amend	386	1	
✓ 18:134(A)	Amend	371	1	06/20/2025 ✓

DUAL PRINT	✓18:154(C)(2)(e)-----Amend-----	386-----	1	
	✓18:192(A)(1) <u>PRINT LEFF. TIL § 2</u> Amend-----	386-----	1	
	✓18:192(A)(1) <u>PRINT 2</u> Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:192(A)(1)-----Note-----	386-----	4✓	<u>06/20/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:192(A)(2)-----Amend-----	386-----	1	
	✓18:401(B)-----Note-----	386-----	3/7✓	<u>06/20/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:401(C)-----Note-----	386-----	3/7✓	<u>06/20/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:401.1(H)-----Enact-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:401.2(A)-----Amend-----	386-----	1	
	✓18:401.2(B)(Intro.Par.)-----Amend-----	386-----	1	
✓18:401.2(B)(1)-----Amend-----	386-----	1		
✓18:401.2(B)(2)-----Amend-----	386-----	1		
✓18:401.2(B)(3)-----Amend-----	386-----	1		
✓18:402-----Note-----	386-----	4✓	<u>06/20/2025</u> ✓	
✓18:402(A)(1)-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓	
DUAL PRINT	✓18:402(D)-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:402(E)(1) <u>PRINT 2</u> Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:402(E)(1)(Intro.Par.) <u>PRINT LEFF. TIL § 2</u> Amend-----	386-----	1	
DUAL PRINT	✓18:402(G)(1)-----Amend-----	386-----	1	
	✓18:402.1-----Enact-----	6-----	1-----	<u>05/20/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:402.1-----Repeal-----	6-----	3✓	<u>12/31/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:410.1 thru 410.10 (Pt.I-A, Chpt.5)-----Note-----	386-----	3/7✓	<u>06/20/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:410.1-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.2-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.3-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.4(B)-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.5(A)-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.6-----Note-----	386-----	4✓	<u>06/20/2025</u> ✓
	✓18:410.6(B)(1)-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.6(B)(2)-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓
	✓18:410.7-----Amend-----	386-----	2✓	<u>See Act</u> ✓

✓ 18:410.7(A)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:410.7(C)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:410.8	----- Amend -----	386	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓ 18:410.9(A)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓ 18:410.10	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:423(E)	----- Note -----	386	----- 3/7 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:425.1	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:426(A)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:426(B)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:434(A)(1)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:435(A)(4)(b)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:435(A)(4)(c)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:435(B)(1)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓ 18:441(B)(1)	----- Amend -----	84	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:441(B)(4)	----- Enact -----	84	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:441(C)(1)	----- Note -----	386	----- 3/7 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:441(E)	----- Enact -----	84	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:453(A)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:454	----- Enact -----	213	----- 1 -----	06/08/2025 ✓
✓ 18:464(B)(1)	----- Amend -----	495	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:464(B)(5)	----- Enact -----	213	----- 1 -----	06/08/2025 ✓
✓ 18:465(C)(1)	----- Amend -----	495	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:465(C)(3)(b)	----- Amend -----	495	----- 1 -----	
✓ 18:467	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:467(Intro.Par.)	----- Note -----	386	----- 3/7 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:467.1	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:481	----- Note -----	386	----- 3/7 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓ 18:501(A)(1)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓ 18:501(B)(1)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓ 18:501(C)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓ 18:511(B)	----- Note -----	386	----- 3/7 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓

✓	18:521(A)	-----	Note	-----	386	-----	3/7 ✓	-----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓	18:531(B)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:532(F)	-----	Enact	-----	199	-----	1		
✓	18:532.1(C)(4)	-----	Amend	-----	199	-----	1		
✓	18:532.1(C)(5)	-----	Enact	-----	199	-----	1		
✓	18:533(A)(2)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:533(B)(1)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:534(A)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:534(B)(1)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:534(B)(2)(a)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:551(B)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	2 ✓	-----	See Act ✓
✓	18:551(C)(1)(c)(i)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	2 ✓	-----	See Act ✓
✓	18:551(C)(2)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	2 ✓	-----	See Act ✓
✓	18:551(D)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	2 ✓	-----	See Act ✓
✓	18:553(E)(2)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:571(A)(8)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:573(E)(1)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
✓	18:573(E)(4)	-----	Amend	-----	386	-----	1		
DUAL PRINT	✓	18:1254(A)	PRINT 1 EFF TIL 2	Amend	213	-----	1	-----	06/08/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1254(A)	PRINT 2	Amend	213	-----	2 ✓	-----	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1254(A)		Note	386	-----	3/7 ✓	-----	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1259(B)(6)		Amend	386	-----	1		
	✓	18:1259(C)		Amend	386	-----	1		
	✓	18:1272(A)		Note	386	-----	3/7 ✓	-----	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1278(B)		Note	386	-----	3/7 ✓	-----	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1279		Amend	386	-----	2 ✓	-----	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1280.21(B)		Amend	386	-----	1		
	✓	18:1280.21(C)		Repeal	386	-----	6 ✓		
	✓	18:1280.21(D)		Repeal	386	-----	6 ✓		
	✓	18:1280.21.1		Repeal	386	-----	6 ✓		
DUAL PRINT	✓	18:1280.22(A)	PRINT 1 EFF TIL 2	Amend	213	-----	1	-----	06/08/2025 ✓

	✓	18:1280.22(A) <i>PRINT 2</i>	Amend	213	2	✓	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1280.22(A)	Note	386	3/7	✓	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1280.31 (Pt.IV, Chpt.6)	Enact	386	1		
<i>DUAL PRINT</i>	✓	18:1283(B)	Amend	6	1		05/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1283(B)	Amend	6	2	✓	12/31/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1284(F)(1)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1284.1	Enact	386	1		
<i>DUAL PRINT</i>	✓	18:1285(B)(1)(a) <i>PRINT 1 EFF TIL § 2</i>	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1285(B)(1)(a) <i>PRINT 2</i>	Amend	386	2	✓	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1285(B)(1)(a)	Note	386	4	✓	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1286(C)	Enact	386	1		
	✓	18:1286.1	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1299.1	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1300(C)(1)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1300.2(C)(2)(b)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1300.7(A)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1300.11	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1306(E)(1)(f)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1307(E)	Amend	386	2	✓	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1307(L)	Enact	386	2	✓	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1309(D)(1)(c)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1309(D)(1)(d)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1309(D)(2)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1309(E)(1)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1309(H)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1309(M)(1)(a)	Note	386	4	✓	06/20/2025 ✓
	✓	18:1309(N)(2)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1309(N)(5)	Amend	386	2	✓	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1309(N)(7)	Amend	386	2	✓	See Act ✓
	✓	18:1309.1(A)	Amend	386	1		
	✓	18:1310(E)	Enact	386	1		

✓18:1310(F)	-----Enact-----	386	-----2	✓-----See Act✓
✓18:1313(F)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1313(H)(3)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1313(K)(1)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1313.1(F)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1313.1(I)(2)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1313.1(L)(1)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1315(D)(1)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1333(D)(2)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1333(D)(3)	-----Enact-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1333(E)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1361 thru 1366 (Subpt.A, Pt.II, Chpt.8)	-----Designate-----	208	-----2	✓-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1361(A)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1361(B)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1362(A)(1)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1362.1(I)(1)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1362.1(K)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1362.1(L)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1362.2(A)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1362.2(C)	-----Amend-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1363(A)(3)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1363(A)(4)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1367.1 thru 1367.14 (Subpt.B, Pt.II, Chpt.8)	-----Enact-----	208	-----1	-----06/08/2025 ✓
✓18:1371(A)(2)(c)	-----Repeal-----	386	-----6	✓
✓18:1401(A)	-----Note-----	386	-----3/7	✓-----06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1401(B)	-----Note-----	386	-----4	✓-----06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1401(G)	-----Enact-----	80	-----1	-----06/04/2025 ✓
✓18:1405(C)	-----Amend-----	386	-----1	
✓18:1406(B)	-----Note-----	386	-----4	✓-----06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1407	-----Note-----	386	-----4	✓-----06/20/2025 ✓

✓18:1409(B)(1)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1409(B)(2)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1409(K)	----- Enact -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1432(A)(1)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1461(A)(1)	----- Note -----	386	----- 3/7 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1461.7(A)(10)	----- Enact -----	4	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1461.7(E)	----- Enact -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1462(A)(4)	----- Amend -----	75	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1462(F)	----- Amend -----	386	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1462.1(B)	----- Amend -----	37	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1462.1(D)	----- Enact -----	37	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1470	----- Amend -----	89	----- 1 -----	
✓18:1482	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483(1)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483(2)(a)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483(3)(a)(iii)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483(4)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
R ✓18:1483 ⁽⁷⁾ (6) (a)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽⁷⁾ (6) (b)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹⁰⁾ (8)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹¹⁾ (9) (a)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹¹⁾ (9) (b)(ii)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹¹⁾ (9) (c)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹¹⁾ (9) (d)(ii)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹¹⁾ (9) (d)(iii)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹¹⁾ (9) (d)(v)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹³⁾ (10)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹⁷⁾ (12)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽¹⁹⁾ (14)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽²¹⁾ (15) (a)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
✓18:1483 ⁽²¹⁾ (15) (b)(ii)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓

	(21)	✓ 18:1483(15)(b)(iii)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
	(21)	✓ 18:1483(15)(b)(iv)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
	(21)	✓ 18:1483(15)(c)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
	(21)	✓ 18:1483(15)(d)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 2 ✓ -----	See Act ✓
	(22)	✓ 18:1483(16)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(24)	✓ 18:1483(17)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(25)	✓ 18:1483(18)	----- Note -----	386	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(27)	✓ 18:1483(19)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(30)	✓ 18:1483(22)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(32)	✓ 18:1483(24)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(6)	✓ 18:1483(25)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(8)	✓ 18:1483(26)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(12)	✓ 18:1483(27)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(15)	✓ 18:1483(28)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(16)	✓ 18:1483(29)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(20)	✓ 18:1483(30)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(23)	✓ 18:1483(31)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
	(26)	✓ 18:1483(32)	----- Enact -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1484(Intro.Par.)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1484(2)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1484(3)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1485(E)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1486(A)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1486(B)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
DUAL PRINT		✓ 18:1486(C)(1)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1486(C)(1)	----- Repeal -----	398	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1486(C)(2)(Intro.Par.)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
DUAL PRINT		✓ 18:1486(C)(2)(d)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1486(C)(2)(d)	----- Repeal -----	398	----- 4 ✓ -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ Heading, Pt.II, Chpt.11	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓
		✓ 18:1491.1(A)	----- Amend -----	398	----- 1 -----	06/20/2025 ✓

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✓18:1491.1(B)(3)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.1(B)(5)(d)	-----Enact-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.1(B)(5)(e)	-----Enact-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.1(D)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.2	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.3(A)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.4	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(A)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(B)(1)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(B)(2)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(B)(3)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(E)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(H)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(I)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.5(J)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(A)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(B)(Intro.Par.)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(B)(1)	-----Note-----	386	-----4✓-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(B)(2)	-----Note-----	386	-----4✓-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(B)(4)	-----Note-----	386	-----4✓-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(C)(Intro.Par.)	-----Note-----	386	-----4✓-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(C)(Intro.Par.)	^{PRINT 1} -----Amend----- _{EFF. TITLE 2}	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
✓18:1491.6(C)(Intro.Par.)	^{PRINT 2} -----Amend-----	398	-----2✓-----	<u>See Act</u>	✓
✓18:1491.6(C)(1)(a)	-----Amend-----	398	-----1-----	06/20/2025	✓
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(4), 18(D), 25(B), 104(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), 108(A) and (C), 111, 154(C)(2)(e), 192(A)(1) and (2), 401.2(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), and (3), 402(A)(1), (D), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), and (G)(1), 410.1 through 410.3, 410.4(B), 410.5(A), 410.6(B)(1) and (2), 410.7, 410.8, 410.9(A), 425.1, 426(A) and (B), 434(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 435(A)(4)(b) and (c) and (B)(1), 501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C), 531(B), 533(A)(2) and (B)(1), 534(A) and (B)(1) and (2)(a), 551(B), (C)(1)(c)(i) and (2), and (D), 553(E)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E)(1) and (4), 1259(B)(6) and (C), 1279, 1280.21(B), 1284(F)(1), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1286.1, 1299.1, 1300(C)(1), 1300.2(C)(2)(b), 1300.7(A), 1300.11, 1306(E)(1)(f), 1307(E), 1309(D)(1)(c) and (d) and (2), (E)(1), (H), and (N)(2), (5), and (7), 1309.1(A), 1313(F), (H)(3), and (K)(1), 1313.1(F), (I)(2), and (L)(1), 1315(D)(1), 1333(D)(2) and (E), 1362.1(L), 1363(A)(3) and (4), 1405(C), 1462(F), 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), Section 2 of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, and Section 5 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, to enact R.S. 18:2(20) and (21), 401.1(H), Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1280.31, 1284.1, 1286(C), 1307(L), 1310(E) and (F), 1333(D)(3), 1409(K), and 1461.7(E), and to repeal R.S. 18:1280.21(C) and (D), 1280.21.1, 1371(A)(2)(c), and Section 2 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the revision of the system of laws providing for elections; to make revisions to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for agreements for sharing voter registration information; to provide for the annual report of the State Board of Election Supervisors; to provide for affidavits and attestations; to provide for the reinstatement of voter registration; to provide for

1 name changes; to provide for address data in connection with the annual canvass of
 2 registered voters; to provide for the effectiveness of a change in voter registration;
 3 to provide for duties of the clerk of court; to provide for perjury for false statements
 4 made in an attestation and criminal penalties therefore; to provide for polling places
 5 during a state of emergency; to provide for consolidation of polling places; to
 6 provide for election dates and the calculation of days related thereto; to provide for
 7 commissioner qualifications and selection; to provide for alternate political party
 8 super watchers; to provide for ballot arrangement; to provide for voting in the
 9 presidential preference primary election; to provide for testing of voting machines;
 10 to provide for replacement absentee by mail ballots; to provide for tabulation and
 11 counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; to provide for the validity of
 12 ballots deemed challenged; to provide for address confirmation for nursing home
 13 early voting program participants; to provide for the allocation of voting machines;
 14 to provide for the requirements of the secretary of state related to an objection to
 15 candidacy; to provide for actions contesting an election on a proposed constitutional
 16 amendment; to provide for the preparation of a question or proposition to be
 17 submitted to voters; to provide for the filling of vacancies in closed party primary
 18 offices; to provide for emergency elections; to provide for closed party primary
 19 ballot selection by an unaffiliated voter; to provide for procedural requirements as
 20 they relate to closed party primary elections; to provide for the effectiveness of Act
 21 No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and Act No. 640 of
 22 the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature and specific provisions thereof; to
 23 provide for definitions; to correct terminology; and to provide for related matters.

24 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

25 Section 1. R.S. 18:2(4), 18(D), 25(B), 104(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), 108(A)
 26 and (C), 111, 154(C)(2)(e), 192(A)(1) and (2), 401.2(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph),
 27 (1), (2), and (3), 402(E)(1)(introductory paragraph), and (G)(1), 425.1, 426(A) and (B),
 28 434(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 435(A)(4)(b) and (c), 531(B), 533(A)(2) and (B)(1),
 29 534(A) and (B)(1) and (2)(a), 553(E)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E)(1) and (4), 1259(B)(6) and (C),
 30 1280.21(B), 1284(F)(1), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1286.1, 1299.1, 1300(C)(1), 1300.2(C)(2)(b),

1 1300.7(A), 1300.11, 1306(E)(1)(f), 1309(D)(1)(c) and (d) and (2), (E)(1), (H), and (N)(2),
2 1309.1(A), 1313(F), (H)(3), and (K)(1), 1313.1(F), (I)(2), and (L)(1), 1315(D)(1),
3 1333(D)(2) and (E), 1362.1(L), 1363(A)(3) and (4), 1405(C), 1462(F), and
4 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:2(20) and
5 (21), Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised
6 of R.S. 18:1280.31, 1284.1, 1286(C), 1310(E), 1333(D)(3), 1409(K), and 1461.7(E) are
7 hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2. Definitions

9 ALPHABETIZE

As used in this Code, the following words and terms shall have the meanings
10 (1)-(19) → (3)-(21) hereinafter ascribed to each, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

11 (20) → (1)

12 (21) → (2)

(6)

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13 (4) "Immediate family" means the individual's children, the spouses of his
14 children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his
15 spouse, and the parents of his spouse, his grandparents, and his grandchildren.

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16 (1) (20) "Affidavit" means an oath or affirmation signed by the affiant before
17 a notary public, or before a commissioner-in-charge, commissioner, registrar of
18 voters, deputy registrar of voters, early voting commissioner, or secretary of state
19 election staff, as specifically required in this Code.

20 (2) (21) "Attestation" means an oath or affirmation signed by the person making
21 the oath or affirmation.

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22 §18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

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23 D. The secretary of state may enter into cooperative agreements with other
24 states or the ~~Electronic Registration Information Center~~ written agreements with
25 state and federal governmental agencies and private vendors that provide voter
26 registration eligibility or address data to share voter registration information or data
27 for purposes of determining whether a voter is registered in more than one state and
28 for the voter list maintenance of the state voter registration computer system. The
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secretary of state shall include in any such cooperative agreement a provision for the privacy of the information or data that complies fully with applicable state and federal law.

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§25. Annual reports

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B. The board shall annually report to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Senate its findings, observations, and recommendations concerning all aspects of elections in this state. The report shall be submitted no later than ~~January thirty-first each year~~ forty-five days prior to the start of each regular session of the legislature and shall include but shall not be limited to the following subjects: election laws in general, registration procedures, election procedures, election officials, voting machines, tabulation and transmission of election returns, procedures used for casting and counting absentee by mail and early voting ballots, and any other aspect of elections the board deems appropriate.

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§104. Application for registration; form

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C.(1) The form shall inform the applicant of the penalty for violation of applicable laws relating to registration of voters and shall contain an affidavit attestation to be subscribed, through a handwritten signature, attesting to each of the following:

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§108. Prior registration; ~~surrender of certificate~~ or notice of registration before new registration; change of place of registration

A. If the registrant's application indicates that the applicant previously registered as a voter in any other parish, and if the previous ~~voter registration certificate~~ or notice of registration is available, then before making a new registration the registrar shall require the applicant to surrender his previous ~~certificate~~ or notice

1 for cancellation. The registrar shall promptly notify the registrar of the parish in
 2 which the applicant has registered previously, through the statewide voter
 3 registration system, of the present registration. The other registrar shall verify the
 4 cancellation of the voter's registration in the other parish; however, the cancellation
 5 shall not be made as long as the registrant has the right to vote in the parish of his
 6 former residence as provided in R.S. 18:110(C).

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8 C. For any voter whose registration has been canceled because the voter has
 9 registered in another parish or in another state, if such voter makes application to
 10 register in the parish in which he was previously registered to vote ~~within three years~~
 11 ~~after the cancellation of his registration in that parish~~, and the registrar determines
 12 that he is qualified to register to vote in that parish, the voter's information in the
 13 statewide voter registration system from his previous registration shall be reinstated,
 14 except that any necessary changes shall be made to such information, including but
 15 not limited to the voter's new address, and he shall receive an updated ~~certificate or~~
 16 notice of registration.

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18 §111. Change of name or signature: married persons

19 A. In order to remain a legal registrant, a person who changes his name by
 20 virtue of a judgment of court shall produce in the presence of or, if required, file with
 21 the registrar or any person authorized to accept voter registration applications a
 22 certified copy of the judgment, his Louisiana driver's license number, Louisiana
 23 special identification card number, or social security number, or his affidavit
 24 attestation setting forth the pertinent facts containing the change of name.

25 B. A married woman, ~~at her option, person~~ may be registered ~~in her maiden~~
 26 ~~name, her present husband's name, using the surname of either or both spouses as a~~
 27 surname, or in a hyphenated combination thereof. If divorced, widowed, or
 28 remarried, she ~~the applicant~~ may be registered ~~in her maiden name~~ using his
 29 surname, in the surname of her ~~the~~ deceased or former or present husband spouse,
 30 or in a hyphenated combination thereof. ~~A change of name allowed by this~~

1 ~~Subsection shall be made by producing in the presence of the~~ A person who changes
 2 his name by virtue of marriage shall submit a voter registration application to the
 3 registrar or other person authorized to accept voter registration applications ~~her~~
 4 affidavit stating that contains the applicant's social security number, valid Louisiana
 5 driver's license number or Louisiana special identification card number, or attestation
 6 setting forth the name under which ~~she~~ the applicant desires to be registered as
 7 allowed by this Section.

8 C. If a registered voter, subsequent to his registration, is no longer capable
 9 of signing his name without using a mark, he shall file an ~~affidavit, meeting the~~
 10 ~~requirements of R.S. 18:200,~~ attestation with the registrar of voters attesting to that
 11 fact and stating the reason for such a change in signature.

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§154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions

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19 (e) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to
 20 voter registration information or data transmitted to a state or ~~the Electronic~~
 21 ~~Registration Information Center~~ federal governmental agency or private vendor to
 22 provide voter registration eligibility or address data pursuant to a written agreement
 23 for purposes of ~~determining whether a voter is registered to vote in more than one~~
 24 ~~state and for the~~ voter list maintenance of the state voter registration computer
 25 system.

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§192. Annual canvass; costs

28 A.(1) No later than June thirtieth, the registrar of voters of each parish in
 29 conjunction with the Department of State shall annually canvass the names of the
 30 registrants in all precincts in the parish. Failure of the registrar to conduct an annual

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1 canvass as provided in this Subsection shall constitute willful misconduct relating
 2 to his official duty for the purposes of R.S. 18:53. The Department of State shall use
 3 ~~the United States Postal Service or its licensee~~ address data obtained pursuant to a
 4 written agreement from another state or federal governmental agency or private
 5 vendor that provides voter registration eligibility or address data to verify the names
 6 and addresses of the registrants in all precincts in the state. A verification ~~by the~~
 7 ~~United States Postal Service or its licensee~~ of address data shall constitute a valid
 8 canvass of the registered voter.

9 (2) In conducting the verification, if ~~the United States Postal Service or its~~
 10 ~~licensee provides~~ the obtained address data indicates a corrected address, the
 11 Department of State shall furnish the corrected address to the appropriate registrar
 12 of voters. Upon receiving a corrected address inside the parish, either the
 13 Department of State or the registrar of voters shall update the voter's address on the
 14 statewide registration system and mail a new voter information card to the voter
 15 using the corrected address provided and an address confirmation notice as provided
 16 in R.S. 18:193. If the new voter information card using the corrected address is
 17 returned to the registrar and the voter has failed to return the address confirmation
 18 notice, the registrar shall consider the address not corrected. The registrar shall
 19 change his records to reflect the prior address on file for that voter. If the corrected
 20 address is outside of the parish, the registrar of voters shall not make the change on
 21 his records and shall send an address confirmation notice as provided in R.S. 18:193.

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 23 §401.2. ~~Relocation of~~ Change to polling places; state of emergency

24 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:~~425.1~~, 534, 535, 536, and 537,
 25 1286, and 1286.1, if any polling place is determined by the clerk of court in
 26 conjunction with the secretary of state to be destroyed, inaccessible, or unsafe due
 27 to an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly
 28 scheduled or special election, the secretary of state may issue a certification of a state
 29 of emergency allowing the relocation, or other change, of any such polling place,
 30 including consolidation of polling places or providing for multiple polling places in

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a precinct when such action would allow voting to continue without the necessity of the issuance of an executive order by the governor for a suspension or delay pursuant to R.S. 18:401.1(B). Upon issuance of such a certification, the clerk of court and the presiding officer of the parish governing authority shall ~~relocate~~ implement the necessary change for any such polling place. ~~The~~ If relocated, the polling place shall be relocated to the nearest feasible and accessible location as determined by the secretary of state, upon the recommendation of the clerk of court in conjunction with the presiding officer of the parish governing authority.

B. When a polling place is ~~relocated~~ changed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section, the clerk of court in conjunction with the secretary of state shall give adequate notice of the change of the location to each voter registered to vote at that polling place and to each candidate to be voted on at that polling place, if practicable, in the following manner:

(1) Each candidate shall be given immediate notice by telephone or by electronic means, and by certified mail where reasonable time exists, of the new location of any polling places ~~that have been relocated~~.

(2) A sign shall be posted at any former polling place directing voters to the new location of the polling place, if applicable and practicable.

(3) An employee of the parish governing authority shall be stationed at any former polling place, if applicable and practicable, for the purpose of directing potential voters to the new location of the polling place. Such employee shall be required to take the constitutional oath or affirmation. The clerk of court shall administer the oath.

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§402. Dates of primary and general elections

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E. Special elections to fill newly created office or vacancy in office. An election to fill a newly created office or vacancy in an existing office, except the office of representative in congress, shall be held on the dates fixed by the appropriate authority in the proclamation ordering a special election as follows:

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(1) A special primary election shall be held on the first of the following days that is after the date on which the proclamation calling the special primary election was issued, provided that the proclamation was issued at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the special primary election. If this deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be the following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday:

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G. Prohibited days. (1) No election of any kind shall be held in this state on any of the days of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, the first two days and the last two days of Passover, Shavuot, Tish'a B'Av, the two days preceding Labor Day, or the three days preceding Easter, or the three days following Thanksgiving Day. If the date of any election falls on any of the above-named days, the election shall be held on the same weekday day of the preceding week.

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§425.1. Consolidation of polling places; reduction of voting machines and election officials

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:424 and 425 or any other provision of law to the contrary, in an election, including the election of any public official, where ~~more than one polling place is within the same location~~ a single location serves as the polling place of more than one precinct, the parish board of election supervisors may consolidate the polling places in that location so that a single polling place may serve every precinct assigned to that location for that election and may reduce the number of voting machines to be used in the election below the number fixed by R.S. 18:1363 and, in such case, shall notify, in accordance with the time line provided in R.S. 18:1363(H), the parish custodian of voting machines and the secretary of state of the number of machines to be prepared and delivered ~~for the polling places so consolidated~~ to the location of the consolidated polling place.

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1 B. When the parish board of election supervisors consolidates polling places
 2 as authorized by Subsection A of this Section, it shall appoint a commissioner-in-
 3 charge to serve at ~~each such~~ all precincts assigned to the consolidated polling place
 4 and may reduce to not less than two the number of commissioners and alternate
 5 commissioners to be appointed to serve at ~~each such polling place~~ the location of the
 6 consolidated polling place.

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8 §426. Alternate commissioners; qualifications, powers, and duties; oath and
 9 compensation

10 A. Qualifications. ~~(1) A qualified voter who is not entitled to assistance in~~
 11 ~~voting and is not a candidate in the election may be selected as an alternate~~
 12 ~~commissioner in any precinct of the ward where he is registered to vote, except~~
 13 ~~pursuant to R.S. 18:434(D) in which case he may be selected as a commissioner in~~
 14 ~~any precinct of the parish where he is registered to vote or as otherwise provided in~~
 15 ~~R.S. 18:425(A)(4).~~

16 ~~(2)(a) No person shall be selected as a commissioner in a precinct in which~~
 17 ~~a member of his immediate family is a candidate for election to public office.~~

18 ~~(b) No person who has been convicted of an election offense enumerated in~~
 19 ~~Chapter 10 of this Title shall be selected as an alternate commissioner.~~

20 ~~(c) No person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator~~
 21 ~~pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may be selected as an alternate commissioner.~~

22 ~~(3) A person shall not be selected as an alternate commissioner unless he has~~
 23 ~~attended a course of instruction for commissioners, has received a certificate of~~
 24 ~~instruction during the term of office of the clerk who conducted the course, and has~~
 25 ~~provided his correct party affiliation to the clerk.~~

26 ~~(4) A person who is at least seventeen years of age, under the age of~~
 27 ~~eighteen, and is not a qualified voter but is otherwise qualified to serve as an~~
 28 ~~alternate commissioner pursuant to this Subsection may be selected to serve as an~~
 29 ~~alternate commissioner in any precinct of the ward where he may register to vote~~
 30 ~~pursuant to R.S. 18:101(A), provided that the person is enrolled in the twelfth grade~~

1 ~~of any Louisiana public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school or is~~
2 ~~participating at the twelfth grade level in a home study program approved by the~~
3 ~~State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. An alternate commissioner~~
4 ~~shall meet the same qualifications of a commissioner as provided in R.S. 18:425(B).~~

5 B. Powers and duties. An alternate commissioner who replaces an absent
6 or unqualified commissioner shall have the same powers and duties and shall possess
7 the same qualifications as a commissioner. ~~An alternate commissioner who does not~~
8 ~~replace a commissioner shall have the same powers and duties as a watcher.~~

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10 §434. Commissioners and alternate commissioners; selection; commission;
11 disqualification; replacement

12 A. ~~Time and place of Meeting to conduct~~ selection. (1) The parish board
13 of election supervisors shall meet at ~~10:00 a.m. on the twenty-ninth day before a~~
14 ~~primary election~~ on the second day after the close of the registration records
15 provided in R.S. 18:135(A) to select the commissioners and alternate commissioners
16 for each precinct. ~~However, if the deadline for the close of the registration records~~
17 ~~provided in R.S. 18:135(A)(1) is moved due to a legal holiday, the meeting to select~~
18 ~~commissioners and alternate commissioners for each precinct shall be moved to the~~
19 ~~day after the close of the registration records. If the second day after the close of the~~
20 registration records falls on a legal holiday, the board shall select commissioners and
21 alternate commissioners on the first day after such holiday that is not a Saturday,
22 Sunday, or other legal holiday. The meeting shall be open to the public. The board
23 shall have previously posted a notice on the front courthouse door designating the
24 location within the courthouse where the meeting is to be held.

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26 §435. Watchers; appointment and commission

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1 (b)(i) In a parish with fewer than fifty thousand registered voters, the parish
2 executive committee of the recognized political party may designate one political
3 party super watcher and one alternate political party super watcher.

4 (ii) In a parish with fifty thousand or more but fewer than one hundred
5 thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized political
6 party may designate two political party super watchers and two alternate political
7 party super watchers.

8 (iii) In a parish with one hundred thousand or more but fewer than one
9 hundred fifty thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the
10 recognized political party may designate three political party super watchers and
11 three alternate political party super watchers.

12 (iv) In a parish with one hundred fifty thousand or more but fewer than two
13 hundred thousand registered voters, the parish executive committee of the recognized
14 political party may designate four political party super watchers and four alternate
15 political party super watchers.

16 (v) In a parish with two hundred thousand or more registered voters, the
17 parish executive committee of the recognized political party may designate five
18 political party super watchers and five alternate political party super watchers.

19 (c) Each political party super watcher shall have the qualifications, powers,
20 and duties of watchers provided for by R.S. 18:427 and shall be admitted as a
21 watcher in every precinct in the designated parish where a candidate affiliated with
22 his political party is on the ballot, except that not more than one political party super
23 watcher may serve at a single precinct at the same time. Both a political party super
24 watcher and an alternate political party super watcher may serve on election day,
25 except that the political party super watcher and alternate political party super
26 watcher may not serve at the same time and no more political party super watchers
27 and alternate political party super watchers may serve at one time than the number
28 of political party super watchers allowed in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

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§531. Places for voting in primary and general elections

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B. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, whenever the polling place to which a voter is assigned is inaccessible to him by reason of a physical disability, the voter may cast his vote at the polling place nearest the precinct at which he is registered which is accessible to the voter, provided such polling place is within the same congressional, senatorial, representative, school board, police jury, councilmanic and all other districts as the precinct at which he is registered. To be permitted to cast his vote at another precinct polling place, the voter, not less than ten days before the election, shall produce satisfactory evidence of his disability to the registrar of voters in the parish in which he is registered. If, in the opinion of the registrar, the voter, due to the physical disability, is unable to cast his vote at the polling place for the precinct in which he is registered, the registrar shall issue to the voter special authorization to cast his vote at another specifically named precinct polling place as provided in this Section and shall transfer the registration certificate of such voter to that precinct. The authorization so issued shall be shown by the voter to the commissioners at the polling place. The right of a voter to cast his vote in a precinct within the ward and district other than the one in which he is registered shall remain effective for subsequent elections until the voter no longer is in need of the right to vote in another precinct. The voter shall notify the registrar of voters immediately if for any reason such need no longer exists.

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§533. Establishment and location of polling places; responsibility for acts or omissions

A. Establishment.

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(2) The parish governing authority shall, to the extent possible, locate the polling place of multiple precincts in a the same polling location, if it determines after due consideration that to locate ~~multiple polling places~~ the polling places of

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multiple precincts within the same polling location would be efficient, cost-effective, and convenient to voters.

B. Location. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, the polling place for a precinct shall be located in the precinct in a suitable public building and all public bodies are hereby required to allow the use of public buildings as ~~voting precincts~~ polling places without cost or charge when the parish governing authority requires it. If no public building is available, then a precinct polling place may be located on private property. The parish governing authority shall inform the secretary of state as to whether the parish polling places are located in public buildings or on private property.

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§534. Change of polling places

A. Once the location of a polling place is established, it may only be changed by a vote of the parish governing authority.

B.(1) The location of a polling place shall not be changed during the period commencing on the date the qualifying period opens and ending on the date of the general election or, in the case of an election date exclusively for bond, tax, or other propositions or questions, during the period commencing on the forty-sixth day prior to the election and ending on the day of the election unless the polling place location becomes unavailable due to an emergency caused by an act of God or when privately owned property being used as a polling place becomes unavailable through no fault of the governing authority.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, if the location of a polling place becomes unavailable during the period defined in and due to the reasons provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the parish president may change the location of the polling place. The parish president shall submit written notice of the change as soon as practicable to the secretary of state.

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1 §553. Inspection and preparation of voting machines at polling places; precinct
2 registers and supplemental list

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4 E. Maintenance of precinct registers on election day.

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6 (2) For each name appearing on the list, the commissioners shall write
7 "voted by mail absentee" in the place where the voter usually signs the precinct
8 register and initial the precinct register adjacent thereto.

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10 §571. Procedures for commissioners after termination of voting

11 A. At the termination of voting in a primary or general election, the
12 commissioners shall announce that voting is terminated. The commissioners in the
13 presence of the watchers shall immediately:

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15 (8) Place one copy of the official election results reports, one copy of the
16 machine certificates, one of the duplicate poll lists, all original executed challenges
17 of voters, all precinct register corrections, all voter identification affidavits, all
18 ~~physical disability affidavits~~ voter assistance forms, any physicians' certificates, any
19 copies of disability documentation, a copy of each completed notation of
20 irregularities form, and any address confirmation notices in the envelope marked
21 "Registrar of Voters", seal it and attach it to the precinct register after the termination
22 of voting, and place a new protective seal on the precinct register.

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24 §573. Evidence of election results

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26 E. Transmission and disposition of original challenges, duplicate voters'
27 affidavits, and address confirmation notices. (1) At the opening of the voting
28 machines, the sealed precinct registers shall be immediately returned to the registrar
29 of voters. Upon receipt of the sealed precinct registers, the registrar shall remove
30 any attached original record of challenges of voters made during the election, any

1 precinct register correction affidavits, any voter identification affidavits made
2 pursuant to R.S. 18:562, any address confirmation notices, any ~~physical disability~~
3 ~~affidavits~~ voter assistance forms, any certificates, any copies of disability
4 documentation, and any completed voter registration applications.

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6 (4) The registrar shall scan the address confirmation notice, voter
7 identification affidavit, ~~disability documentation~~ voter assistance form, or voter
8 registration application and add it to the voter's record in the state voter registration
9 computer system after processing.

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11 §1259. Arrangement of ballot; designation of party candidates

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15 (6) In preparing the ballots, the secretary of state shall arrange the names of
16 the candidates of recognized political parties alphabetically, according to the names
17 of the parties, followed by the names of the candidates nominated by nominating
18 petitions and by the filing of notices of candidacy, listed alphabetically by the first
19 word of the political principle designated in the notice of candidacy ~~designation of~~
20 ~~political principle~~.

21 C. No candidate nominated other than by a recognized political party shall
22 use the name of any recognized political party in the ~~political or party designation~~
23 political principle designated in the notice of candidacy of such candidate.

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25 §1280.21. Presidential preference primary election

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27 B. Each elector voting in such election may vote only for a candidate who
28 is affiliated with the same party as the elector, ~~except that the state central committee~~
29 ~~of a recognized political party may allow in its bylaws, electors who are not affiliated~~
30 ~~with any political party to cast a vote on the ballot of such recognized political party.~~

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PART IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§1280.31. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, "recognized political party" means a political party recognized in this state pursuant to R.S. 18:441.

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§1284. Resolution calling election; proposition

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~~F.(1) The preparation of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election. The proposition shall include the information required by this Section in simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question. The proposition shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type.~~

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§1284.1. Proposition language: clear, unbiased, and concise

The preparation of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election. The proposition shall include the information required by R.S. 18:1284 in simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question.

§1285. Notice of election

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B.(1)(a) Written notice of the election and the certificate required by Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be transmitted to the secretary of state and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If this deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be the following day which is not

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1 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. If the election is not to be held on a primary
 2 election date, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state
 3 on or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election. The secretary of state shall not
 4 accept any revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title,
 5 text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of the notice and
 6 certificate to the secretary of state, unless prior to the printing of the ballots the
 7 revision will correct a typographical error and the revision has been approved by the
 8 governing authority that called the proposition election.

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§1286. Polling places; election officers

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12 C. When the number of commissioners for each precinct in an election called
 13 on a general election date under the provisions of this Chapter is less than the
 14 number of commissioners chosen for the primary election date, the appropriate
 15 number of commissioners shall be chosen from the list of commissioners who
 16 worked at the precinct for the primary election.

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§1286.1. Authority to consolidate polling places; reduction of number of voting machines and election officials

20 A. Notwithstanding any provision of R.S. 18:1286(A), when an election
 21 called under the provisions of this Chapter is not held at the same time as the election
 22 of any public official, in cases where ~~more than one polling place is within the same~~
 23 ~~location~~ a single location serves as the polling place of more than one precinct the
 24 parish board of election supervisors may consolidate the polling places in that
 25 location so that a single polling place may serve each precinct assigned to that
 26 location for that election and may reduce the number of voting machines to be used
 27 in the election below the number fixed by R.S. 18:1363 and, in such case, shall
 28 notify, in accordance with the time line provided in R.S. 18:1363(H), the parish
 29 custodian of voting machines and the secretary of state of the number of machines

1 to be prepared and delivered ~~for the polling places so consolidated~~ to the location of
 2 the consolidated polling place.

3 B. ~~Whenever~~ When the parish board of election supervisors consolidates
 4 polling places as authorized by Subsection ~~A~~ A of this Section, it shall appoint a
 5 commissioner-in-charge to serve ~~at each such~~ all precincts assigned to the
 6 consolidated polling place and may reduce to not less than two the number of
 7 commissioners and alternate commissioners to be appointed to serve at ~~each such~~
 8 polling place the location of the consolidated polling place.

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10 §1299.1. Question or proposition to be voted on; length

11 A. The preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to the voters
 12 at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority or other entity
 13 calling the election or submitting the question or proposition. The proposition shall
 14 be comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be
 15 in the form of a question. The proposition shall not exceed two hundred words in
 16 length and shall not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in
 17 boldface type. The governing authority or other entity shall be responsible for
 18 ensuring that the proposition is comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily
 19 understood language.

20 B. The secretary of state shall be responsible for ensuring that the
 21 proposition ~~complies with the requirements of this Section~~ does not exceed two
 22 hundred words in length, does not include words that are struck through,
 23 underscored, or in boldface type, and is in the form of a question.

24 §1300. Procedures; notice of election; expenses

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26 C.(1) When an election is called under the provisions of this Chapter, written
 27 notice of the election shall be transmitted to the secretary of state, the commissioner
 28 of elections, and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the
 29 election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice
 30 shall be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of

1 the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be held on a
 2 primary election date, then such notice shall be received by the secretary of state on
 3 or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election. If any of these deadlines fall on
 4 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be the following day
 5 which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

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7 §1300.2. Petition for recall election; campaign finance disclosure

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13 (b) With the recall petition, the chairman shall also submit to the registrar of
 14 voters an affidavit verifying the number of signatures submitted along with ~~an~~
 15 attestation a statement that to the best of his knowledge all documents submitted are
 16 originals and not photocopies.

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18 §1300.7. Governor to order election; proclamation; publication

19 A. If the required number of qualified electors of the voting area sign the
 20 petition for recall, the governor shall issue a proclamation ordering an election to be
 21 held for the purpose of voting on the question of the recall of the officer. The total
 22 number of registered voters in the voting area and the total number of registered
 23 voters in the voting area signing the petition shall be calculated from the totals on the
 24 certificates of all of the registrars of voters received by the governor. The governor
 25 shall issue such proclamation within fifteen days after he receives the certified
 26 petitions from all of the registrars of voters in the voting area who have received
 27 petitions for certification. If the final day for the governor to issue the proclamation
 28 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the next day which is not a
 29 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be deemed to be the final day for issuing the
 30 proclamation. The proclamation shall order the election to be held on the next

1 available date specified in R.S. 18:402(F). If the election is to be held on a primary
 2 election date, the proclamation shall be issued at least four weeks prior to the
 3 opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be
 4 held on a primary election date, the proclamation shall be issued on or before the
 5 fifty-fourth day prior to the election. If any of these deadlines fall on a Saturday,
 6 Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be the following day which is not
 7 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

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§1300.11. Preparation of ballots; marking of ballots

10 ~~The ballots at recall elections shall be provided and supplied in the same~~
 11 ~~manner as the ballots for general elections, and in accordance with general election~~
 12 ~~laws, except as provided in this Chapter. The top of the ballot shall provide in large~~
 13 ~~capital letters for the election shall appear as follows:~~

14 "SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE RECALL OF (Here state name and, title, and
 15 election district of the officer whose recall is at issue.)"

16 ~~Then shall follow the number and name of the election district and the location of the~~
 17 ~~polling place. Then shall follow the dates of the election. Then shall follow, in~~
 18 ~~separate lines on the ballot, the following:~~

"FOR the Recall. () _____

AGAINST the Recall. () _____"

21 ~~After the words "FOR the Recall", shall be a blank square, and after the words~~
 22 ~~"AGAINST the Recall", shall be a blank square. The ballot shall provide~~
 23 ~~instructions for voting.~~

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§1306. Preparation and distribution of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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27 E.(1) The secretary of state shall prepare an absentee by mail certificate, the
 28 content of which is subject to approval of the attorney general. The certificate shall
 29 include but not necessarily be limited to:

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1 (f) An ~~affidavit~~ attestation followed by a line for the handwritten signature
2 or mark of the voter, certifying that the statements made by him are true and correct
3 and that the voter is aware of the penalties for knowingly making a false statement
4 therein, which penalties shall be stated on the certificate.

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6 §1309. Early voting; verification

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10 (c) If satisfied that the voter has identified himself as the voter registered in
11 the state voter registration computer system ~~or named on the precinct register~~ and
12 that he is qualified to vote, the registrar or his deputy shall initial the ~~precinct register~~
13 ~~or early voting list~~ register kept by the registrar opposite the voter's signature or
14 mark. The voter then shall be allowed to vote.

15 (d) A voter who votes without the picture identification required by
16 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph is subject to challenge as provided in R.S.
17 18:1315.

18 (2) If the voter's name is found in the state voter registration computer
19 system ~~or precinct register~~ on the inactive list of voters, the voter shall be required
20 to complete an address confirmation card to determine his eligibility to vote.

21 E.(1) The voter's identity having been established as provided in Subsection
22 D of this Section, the voter shall sign or make his mark prior to voting in the ~~precinct~~
23 ~~register or early voting register~~.

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25 H. Prior to delivery of the precinct register to the parish custodian, the
26 registrar shall ensure that the precinct register reflects for each voter whether the
27 voter voted during early voting or voted timely absentee by mail using the words
28 "voted by ~~mail~~ absentee" and, if the register was not used during early voting, "voted
29 early" in the signature line for the voter in the precinct register.

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(2) A qualified voter of the state who is not a candidate in the election may serve as an early voting watcher; however, no person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to R.S. 15:542 may serve as a watcher.

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§1309.1. Preparation of machines for early voting; examination by candidate or his representative; sealing machines

A. At the time of qualifying, the parish custodian shall notify each candidate to contact the registrar of voters for the time and place at which the voting machines will be prepared for early voting. The registrar of voters shall post at his office adequate notice of the date, time, and place at which the voting machines will be prepared for early voting and shall post the same information on his office's website, if possible. The candidate or his representative may be present to observe the preparation and testing of the machines by the registrar of voters with the assistance of the secretary of state's technicians and to observe the ~~testing and~~ sealing of the machines by the registrar of voters in the presence of the parish board of election supervisors. Each candidate or his representative shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to view the test vote tape for each machine to see that they are in the proper condition for use in the election, which opportunity shall not be less than thirty minutes beginning at the time designated by the registrar of voters to begin preparation of the machines for sealing. However, no candidate, representative, or citizen shall interfere with the registrar of voters, secretary of state's technicians, parish board of election supervisors, or any employee or technician or assume any of their duties.

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§1310. Execution of certificate; marking of ballot; casting vote; assistance

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E. If a voter is notified by the registrar of voters in his parish of a deficiency on his absentee by mail ballot certificate that must be cured, he may obtain a

replacement ballot from the registrar. The registrar may make the ballot available via hand delivery to the voter or an immediate family member of the voter.

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§1313. Tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots

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F. The board shall count the absentee by mail and early voting ballots and announce post the results after the closing of the polls as the total number of absentee by mail and early voting votes cast in the election for each candidate and the total number cast for and against each proposition.

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H. The procedure for counting early voting machine ballots and paper ballots voted during early voting shall be as follows:

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(3) The board shall announce post the results from each early voting machine results report for the early voting ballots, unless an early voting ballot has been challenged pursuant to R.S. 18:1309(E)(6) or R.S. 18:1315.

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K.(1) Upon completion of the tabulation and counting of the absentee by mail and early voting ballots, the parish board of election supervisors shall return the absentee by mail and early voting ballots and electronic results report to the special, secure absentee by mail and early voting ballot container; shall seal the container; and shall deliver the container to the registrar of voters. The registrar shall preserve the container and its contents inviolate and, except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or at the direction of the secretary of state for the purpose of conducting post-election tabulation audits, shall not allow the absentee by mail and early voting documents to be inspected by anyone until the delay for filing an action contesting the election has lapsed. If an action contesting the election is commenced timely, the registrar shall continue to preserve the container and its contents inviolate, subject to the orders of the court, until the final judgment in the action has become definitive.

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1 §1313.1. Preparation, verification, tabulation, and counting of absentee by mail and
2 early voting ballots

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4 F. The board shall count the absentee by mail and early voting ballots and
5 ~~announce~~ post the results after the closing of the polls on election day as the total
6 number of absentee by mail and early voting votes cast in the election for each
7 candidate and the total number cast for and against each proposition.

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9 I. The procedure for counting early voting machine ballots on election day
10 shall be as follows:

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12 (2) The board shall ~~announce~~ post the results from each early voting machine
13 results report for the early voting ballots, unless an early voting ballot has been
14 challenged pursuant to R.S. 18:1309(E)(6) or R.S. 18:1315. 1315

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16 L.(1) Upon completion of the tabulation and counting of the absentee by
17 mail and early voting ballots on election day, the parish board of election supervisors
18 shall return the absentee by mail and early voting ballots and electronic results report
19 to the special, secure absentee by mail and early voting ballot container; shall seal
20 the container; and shall deliver the container to the registrar of voters. The registrar
21 shall preserve the container and its contents inviolate and, except upon order of a
22 court of competent jurisdiction or at the direction of the secretary of state for the
23 purpose of conducting post-election tabulation audits, shall not allow the absentee
24 by mail and early voting documents to be inspected by anyone until the delay for
25 filing an action contesting the election has lapsed. If an action contesting the
26 election is commenced timely, the registrar shall continue to preserve the container
27 and its contents inviolate, subject to the orders of the court, until the final judgment
28 in the action has become definitive.

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1 §1315. Challenge of absentee by mail or early voting ballot

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3 D.(1) During the counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots, at
4 least a majority of the members of the board shall hear and determine the validity of
5 any ballot challenged ~~in accordance with the provisions of~~ pursuant to Subsection A
6 or B of this Section or deemed challenged pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

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8 §1333. Nursing home early voting program; voting by persons residing in a nursing
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13 (2) An application to vote in the nursing home early voting program that
14 satisfies the requirements of this Section shall remain valid indefinitely unless the
15 voter submits a written request to the registrar to be removed from the program, the
16 letter provided for in Subsection E of this Section is returned to the registrar or voters
17 as undeliverable, or the voter no longer resides in the nursing home listed in his
18 application. However, if the voter has become a resident of a different nursing home
19 in the parish and has notified the registrar of voters in writing of the change of
20 nursing home address, his application shall remain valid.

21 (3) If the letter provided for in Subsection E of this Section is returned to the
22 registrar of voters as undeliverable, the registrar shall mail an address confirmation
23 notice to the voter as provided in R.S. 18:198(A).

24 E. The registrar shall notify the applicant by letter, at the return nursing
25 home address shown on the request, the day on which a deputy registrar or other
26 qualified person selected by the registrar will be present at the nursing home to
27 permit the applicant to cast his ballot. The registrar shall assign a number to the
28 applicant which ~~shall be stamped or entered in ink on the upper right side of the letter~~
29 and also shall be entered shall appear in clearly distinguishable figures on the letter
30 and on the absentee by mail ballot envelope that will contain the absentee by mail

1 ballot to be delivered to that applicant on the day designated in the letter. If the letter
 2 is mailed by the registrar prior to his receipt of the absentee by mail ballots for the
 3 election, the registrar shall enter the name of the applicant; his address, ward, and
 4 precinct; and the number assigned to the applicant on a list that the registrar shall
 5 keep for the purpose and, upon receipt of the absentee by mail ballots for the
 6 election, the registrar shall enter the number on the absentee by mail ballot envelope
 7 as provided in this Subsection.

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9 §1362.1. Voting System Commission; creation and organization; duties and
 10 responsibilities

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12 L. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the secretary of
 13 state shall award no contract for voting systems unless the awarded proposer has
 14 provided a sworn affidavit ~~attesting~~ stating that the proposer is not subject to
 15 significant ownership or control by a foreign power, and that the proposer is aware
 16 that a false ~~attestation~~ statement will be subject to the provisions of R.S. 39:1678 and
 17 1679. For purposes of this Subsection, "significant ownership or control by a foreign
 18 power" means ownership, equity, or control which equals or exceeds twenty-five
 19 percent of the total outstanding ownership, equity, or control of the proposer, and
 20 which is exercised directly or indirectly by, or for the express benefit of, the
 21 government of a foreign nation, state, or principality, or any instrumentality or
 22 subsidiary thereof. The sworn affidavit required pursuant to this Subsection, and all
 23 related information, shall be a public record.

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25 §1363. Number of machines; allocation to precincts; exception; reserve machines

26 A. In determining the number of voting machines to be purchased and
 27 allocated for each voting precinct in each parish or municipality, the minimum
 28 number to be allocated shall be as follows:

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(3) Three machines for each precinct where more than one thousand voters but not more than ~~fourteen~~ eighteen hundred voters were registered to vote thirty days prior to the election.

(4) Four machines for each precinct where more than ~~fourteen~~ eighteen hundred voters were registered to vote thirty days prior to the election.

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§1405. Time for commencement of action

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C. An action contesting an election on a proposed constitutional amendment shall be instituted no earlier than the day after the election and not later than 4:30 p.m. of the tenth day after promulgation of the results of the election by the secretary of state.

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§1409. Trial; decision; appeal

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K.(1) Neither the secretary of state nor any employee engaged in the administration of or charged with the custody of any records or files of the Department of State shall be subject to subpoena or otherwise required to appear in court for an objection to candidacy filed pursuant to this Chapter.

(2) In lieu of live testimony for any action filed pursuant to this Chapter, a properly executed affidavit issued by the secretary of state or his designee shall serve as sufficient confirmation as to the accuracy of the records and files of the Department of State for such purposes.

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§1461.7. Miscellaneous election offenses; penalties

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E. Any person who intentionally makes a false written statement in an attestation required by this Code shall, upon conviction, be guilty of the crime of perjury and subject to the penalty set forth in R.S. 14:123.

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§1462. Acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; electioneering; intimidation; exceptions; enforcement; penalties

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F. The duly constituted law enforcement officers of the political subdivision in which any such election is being held shall enforce the provisions of this Section when requested to do so by a clerk of court, registrar, deputy registrar, commissioner-in-charge, or commissioner. The clerk of court, registrar, deputy registrars, commissioners-in-charge, and commissioners likewise shall enforce the provisions of this Section at the polling places. The law enforcement officers, clerk of court, commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, deputy registrars, and registrar are authorized to seize, remove, and destroy any political cards, signs, pictures, or literature being used or displayed in violation of any of the provisions hereof of this Section.

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§1501.3. Gubernatorial transition and inauguration; contribution limits; reports

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C. On or before the sixtieth day after the gubernatorial inauguration and by February ^{twenty-eighth} ~~fifteenth~~ annually thereafter until all contributions have been expended or used, the governor shall file an all-inclusive report with the supervisory committee. Each report shall be complete through January thirty-first. Each report which shall state:

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Section 2. R.S. 18:192(A)(1), 402(A)(1), (D) and (E)(1), 410.1 through 410.3, 410.4(B), 410.5(A), 410.6(B)(1) and (2), 410.7, 410.8, 410.9(A), 435(B)(1), 501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C), 551(B), (C)(1)(c)(i) and (2), and (D), 1279, 1285(B)(1)(a), 1307(E), and 1309(N)(5) and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:401.1(H), 1307(L), and 1310(F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§192. Annual canvass; costs

A.(1) No later than July thirty-first, the registrar of voters of each parish in conjunction with the Department of State shall annually canvass the names of the

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1 registrants in all precincts in the parish. Failure of the registrar to conduct an annual
 2 canvass as provided in this Subsection shall constitute willful misconduct relating
 3 to his official duty for the purposes of R.S. 18:53. The Department of State shall use
 4 ~~the United States Postal Service or its licensee~~ address data obtained pursuant to a
 5 written agreement from another state or federal governmental agency or private
 6 vendor that provides voter registration eligibility or address data to verify the names
 7 and addresses of the registrants in all precincts in the state. A verification by the
 8 ~~United States Postal Service or its licensee~~ of address data shall constitute a valid
 9 canvass of the registered voter.

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§401.1. Election emergency; purpose; elections emergency contingency plan

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13 H. For purposes of this Section, a vacancy in a party primary office that may
 14 not be filled by appointment, designation, or in accordance with the timeframes
 15 required by law shall constitute an emergency. If the vacancy may not be filled in
 16 a timely manner in accordance with the election dates provided for in R.S. 18:402,
 17 the governor may proclaim a state of emergency for purposes of calling a special
 18 election to fill the vacancy. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:401.3,
 19 following the issuance of the emergency proclamation, the authority required by law
 20 to call a special election to fill the vacancy in office shall, in consultation with and
 21 with the certification of the secretary of state, issue a proclamation ordering a special
 22 election. The proclamation ordering the special election shall include the dates for
 23 qualifying, early voting, the primary election, the general election, and at least one
 24 party primary election and make all provisions necessary to conduct an election in
 25 a timely manner notwithstanding the dates, timing, and delays otherwise provided
 26 by this Code.

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§402. Dates of primary and general elections; prohibited election days

29 A. Prohibited election days. (1) No election of any kind shall be held in this
 30 state on any of the days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret,

1 Simchat Torah, the first two days and the last two days of Passover, Shavuot, Tish'a
2 B'Av, the two days preceding Labor Day, ~~or the three days preceding Easter, or the~~
3 three days following Thanksgiving Day. If the date of any fall election falls on any
4 of the above-named days, the election shall be held on the same weekday of the
5 preceding week. If the date of any spring election falls on any of the above-named
6 days, the election shall be held on the same ~~weekday~~ day of the following week.

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8 D. Odd-numbered year election dates in a nongubernatorial election year.

9 (1) Spring elections. (a) There shall be a spring primary election held on the
10 third Saturday in April for municipal and ward officers elected in the spring of a
11 nongubernatorial election year. This date shall also serve as the first party primary
12 election for a special election called to fill a vacancy in a party primary office.

13 (b) There shall be a spring election held on the sixth Saturday after the third
14 Saturday in April which shall be a general election for municipal and ward officers
15 elected in the spring of a nongubernatorial election year. This date shall also serve
16 as the second party primary election, if necessary, for a special election called to fill
17 a vacancy in a party primary office.

18 (2) Fall elections. (a) There shall be a fall primary election held on the
19 second Saturday in October for parochial and municipal officers in a parish
20 containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more. This
21 date shall serve as the general election for a special election called to fill a vacancy
22 in a party primary office.

23 (b) There shall be a fall general election held on the sixth Saturday after the
24 second Saturday in October of an election year.

25 E.(1) Special elections to fill newly created offices or vacancies in office
26 shall be held on dates fixed by the appropriate authority in the proclamation issued
27 in accordance with law. For an election to fill a vacancy, the dates fixed in the
28 proclamation shall be limited to the dates for primary elections and general elections
29 established in Subsections B, C, and D of this Section. Except as otherwise provided
30 by law, a special primary election shall be held on the first of the election dates

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1 established in this Section that is after the date on which the proclamation calling the
 2 special primary election is issued, provided that the proclamation is issued at least
 3 four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the special primary
 4 election. If this deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the
 5 deadline shall be the following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

6 The authority issuing the proclamation shall consult with the secretary of state in the
 7 establishment of a qualifying period and election dates for special elections.

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9 §410.1. Party primary elections

10 Party primary elections for party primary offices as defined in R.S. 18:2 shall
 11 be held pursuant to this Part, and any provision of this Code in conflict with these
 12 provisions shall not be applicable to elections for party primary offices. Any
 13 provision of this Code that is not in conflict with these provisions shall be applicable
 14 to these elections unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. For purposes of this
 15 Part, the phrase "recognized major political party" shall mean a political party
 16 recognized pursuant to R.S. 18:441(C).

17 §410.2. Party primary office; party primary qualifications

18 Recognized Major political parties shall make nominations of candidates for
 19 party primary office as provided in this Part. Only candidates affiliated with a
 20 recognized major political party may participate in the party primary election of the
 21 political party of the candidate's party affiliation.

22 §410.3. Purpose and nature of party primary elections

23 A. For general elections, political parties shall make all nominations of
 24 candidates for party primary office by direct primary elections held pursuant to this
 25 Part. In party primary elections, each voter voting in such election may vote only for
 26 a candidate who is affiliated with the same party as the voter.

27 B. Voters not affiliated with a political party may vote in a recognized major
 28 party primary if a party primary ballot is selected by the voter prior to casting his
 29 ballot, but such a voter may vote only in one recognized major party primary. If an
 30 unaffiliated voter chooses to vote in the first party primary of one political party, the

unaffiliated voter shall not vote in the second party primary of another political party.

§410.4. Manner of qualifying for a party primary election

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B. A person who desires to become a candidate in a party primary election shall be affiliated with a recognized major political party. A person may qualify as a candidate only in a party primary election of the party with which he is affiliated as shown on his voter registration at the time of qualifying for that office. No candidate shall change his political party affiliation after he has qualified for an election until the deadline for an election contest has passed.

§410.5. Nominating petitions

A. A person may be nominated as a candidate in a party primary election only by persons who are affiliated with the same recognized major political party, who are qualified to vote on the office he seeks, and who sign a nominating petition for him no more than one hundred twenty days before the qualifying period opens for candidates in the party primary election. The registrar of voters shall reject any signature on a nominating petition not in compliance with this Section.

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§410.6. Death of a candidate; procedure; selection of party nominee

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B.(1) If as the result of the death of a candidate in a party primary election, a recognized major political party has no party nominee qualified for the general election, the recognized major political party shall select, in the manner provided in its bylaws, the party nominee who shall meet all of the qualifications for the party primary office.

(2) The chairman of the state central committee of the recognized major political party shall transmit an attestation to the secretary of state containing the name of the party nominee, the signature of the chairman of the state central committee, the signature of the party nominee, and any other information required

1 by the form of the attestation prescribed by the secretary of state. The attestation
 2 shall be filed as soon as possible after the death of the party's candidate, but no later
 3 than noon on the seventh day prior to the general election day. If the attestation is
 4 received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day after the close of the qualifying
 5 period for nonparty primary offices for the fall primary election, the secretary of
 6 state shall print the name of the selected party nominee on the ballot. If the
 7 attestation is filed in accordance with this Paragraph, but the name of the selected
 8 party nominee is not placed on the ballot, there shall be a notice regarding the
 9 selected party nominee posted at each polling place and on the website of the
 10 secretary of state. If the selected party nominee's name is not placed on the ballot,
 11 all votes cast for the party's deceased candidate shall be attributed to the party
 12 nominee.

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14 §410.7. Party candidates who qualify for a general election

15 A. The candidate who receives the majority of votes in the party primary
 16 qualifies for the general election as the party's nominee for the office. All candidate
 17 nominations for a party primary office by recognized major political parties for the
 18 general election shall be made in this manner, except as otherwise provided in R.S.
 19 18:410.6(B).

20 B.(1) In the event that no candidate receives the majority of votes in the first
 21 party primary, the two candidates from each political party who received the greatest
 22 number of votes in the first party primary shall be voted on in the second party
 23 primary.

24 ~~(1)~~ (2) In the case of a tie vote for first place in the first party primary of a
 25 recognized major political party, all of the candidates affiliated with the same
 26 political party who received the same highest number of votes qualify for the second
 27 party primary.

28 ~~(2)~~ (3) In the case of a tie vote for second place in the first party primary of
 29 a recognized major political party, all of the candidates affiliated with the same
 30 political party who received the same second highest number of votes and the

1 candidate affiliated with the same political party who received the highest number
2 of votes qualify for the second party primary.

3 ~~(3)~~ (4) If one of the persons receiving the highest number of votes in the first
4 party primary withdraws his candidacy, dies, or is otherwise disqualified, thereby
5 leaving only one candidate from the same political party in the race, the remaining
6 candidate who has received the highest number of votes for the office for which he
7 was a candidate shall be declared the nominee of the party.

8 C. There shall be no third party primary. In the case of a tie vote in the
9 second party primary of a recognized major political party, none of the candidates
10 qualify as the party nominee for the general election, and the party nominee shall
11 be selected by a public drawing of lots conducted by the State Board of Election
12 Supervisors from among the candidates who received the highest number of votes
13 in the second party primary election. The public drawing of lots shall be conducted
14 at the state capitol on a day and at a time fixed by the board within one week after
15 the results of the election become official. The candidates involved shall be given
16 at least three days' written notice of the time and place of the public drawing of lots.

17 §410.8. Candidates not affiliated with a recognized major political party; qualifying
18 for the general election

19 A. Any person who desires to become a candidate in a general election for
20 a party primary office and who is not registered as being affiliated with a recognized
21 major political party shall file his notice of candidacy, which shall be accompanied
22 by a nominating petition as provided in R.S. 18:465, with the appropriate qualifying
23 official during the qualifying period established for the party primary election. The
24 number of signatures required on such a nominating petition shall be as set forth in
25 R.S. 18:465.

26 B. A person filing a notice of candidacy as provided in Subsection A of this
27 Section may be nominated only by persons who are qualified to vote on the office
28 he seeks, who sign a nominating petition for him, and who are not affiliated with a
29 recognized major political party. The registrar of voters shall reject any signature
30 on a nominating petition not in compliance with this Subsection.

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§410.9. Nomination of candidates in a party primary election; general election; unopposed candidate

A. If, after the close of the qualifying period for candidates in a party primary election, only one candidate qualified for the ~~recognized~~ major political party or only one candidate for the ~~recognized~~ major political party remains after the withdrawal of one or more candidates, the candidate is declared the nominee of the party, and his name shall not appear on the ballot in a party primary election but shall be on the ballot for the general election. If a party primary election ballot was printed with the name of a candidate who withdrew on it, any votes received by a candidate who withdrew shall be void and shall not be counted for any purpose whatsoever.

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§435. Watchers; appointment and commission

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B.(1)(a) A list of watchers shall be filed with the clerk of court by hand delivery, facsimile, mail, or commercial courier before 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day before the ~~party primary,~~ primary, or general election; however, if the tenth business day before the ~~party primary,~~ primary, or general election falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, the list shall be filed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday. For purposes of this Paragraph, "commercial courier" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:3204(D). If the office that the candidate seeks is voted on in more than one parish, a list of watchers shall be filed with the clerk of court in each parish where the candidate will have watchers.

(b) A list of watchers submitted by a candidate for the party primary or primary election may be used for the ~~second party primary,~~ primary, or general election only if the candidate notifies the clerk of court in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day before the general election that he wants to use the same list of watchers.

1 (c) A list of political party super watchers submitted by a party for the party
 2 primary or primary election may be used for the second party primary, primary, or
 3 general election only if the chairman of the parish executive committee or the state
 4 central committee of the party notifies the clerk of court in writing by 4:30 p.m. on
 5 the tenth business day before the general election that the chairman wants to use the
 6 same list of political party super watchers.

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8 §501. Procedure for withdrawal

9 A.(1)(a) A candidate in a primary election may withdraw from the election
 10 by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the
 11 seventh day after the close of the qualifying period.

12 (b) A candidate in a first party primary election may withdraw from the
 13 election by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30
 14 p.m. on the seventh day after the close of the qualifying period.

15 (c) The notice of withdrawal shall be signed by the candidate and duly
 16 acknowledged by him before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

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18 B.(1)(a) A candidate in a general election may withdraw from the election
 19 by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the
 20 ninth day after the date of the primary election.

21 (b) A candidate in a general election for a party primary office may withdraw
 22 from the election by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior
 23 to 4:30 p.m. on the ninth day after the second party primary election date, regardless
 24 of whether a second party primary election is held.

25 (c) The notice of withdrawal shall be signed by the candidate and duly
 26 acknowledged by him before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

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28 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections A and B of this Section,
 29 if the number of candidates remaining in a primary election, second party primary
 30 election or general election for a public office is one more than the number of

1 persons to be elected to the office, the secretary of state shall accept a notice of
2 withdrawal that is filed prior to 4:30 p.m. on the second day prior to the election first
3 day of early voting. The candidate or candidates remaining after the withdrawal
4 shall be declared elected by the people.

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6 §551. Ballots

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8 B. Titles of offices. (1) In any primary election for a party primary office,
9 the parties shall be arranged alphabetically, and under such party affiliation, the titles
10 of the party primary offices to be voted on shall be listed in the order provided in
11 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The names of the candidates for each party
12 primary office shall be listed alphabetically by surname within each party and
13 printed below the title of the party primary office.

14 (2) Below any party primary offices, the ~~The~~ titles of the offices to be voted
15 on in a primary or general election shall be listed on the ballot ~~in capital letters~~ in the
16 following order:

17 (a) President and vice president.

18 (b) Presidential nominees in a presidential preference primary. If an election
19 for presidential nominees in a presidential preference primary appears on the same
20 ballot with an election for a party primary office, the secretary of state may place the
21 presidential nominees above the party primary office candidates of the same party.

22 (c) State offices--governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney
23 general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of insurance, United
24 States senator, United States representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of a
25 court of appeal, member of the public service commission, member of another state
26 board or commission, and any other state office.

27 (d) Local offices--state senator, state representative, district judge, district
28 attorney, judge of a parish court, sheriff, clerk of court, assessor, coroner, police
29 juror, judge and marshal of a city court, member of a school board, member of other
30 local boards and commissions, justice of the peace, and other local offices.

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(e) Municipal offices--mayor, chief of police or marshal, alderman or member of a city council, member of a municipal board or commission, and other municipal offices.

(f) Political party offices--member of a state central committee, member-at-large of a parish executive committee, and member of a parish executive committee from a political subdivision. If an election for a political party office appears on the same ballot with an election for presidential nominees in a presidential preference primary election, the secretary of state may place the political party office ~~immediately following the office of presidential nominees of the same political party~~ after party primary offices or after all other offices.

~~(2)~~ (3) When a special election to fill a newly created office or a vacancy in an existing office is held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election, the secretary of state may list the titles of the offices to be voted on in the special election at the end of the ballot. However, when the geographic area of an office in the regularly scheduled election and in the special election are the same and when the candidates in the regularly scheduled election and in the special election for such office are the same, the title of the office and the names of the candidates shall appear only once on the ballot as provided in this Section and the ballot shall state that the election is being held to fill both the vacancy and the full term for the office. Each elector shall cast the same vote for both the regular and the special election for the office, and the candidates who qualify for the general election shall qualify for the general election for both the regular and the special election for the office, and the candidate who is elected shall be elected to fill both the vacancy and the full term for the office.

~~(3)~~ (4) The titles of offices not specifically provided for in this Section shall be listed on the ballot in the order determined by the secretary of state.

C. Names and numbers of candidates. The names of the candidates in a primary or general election shall be listed on the ballot as follows:

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(c)(i) The names of the candidates for each office shall be arranged alphabetically by surname and shall be listed below the title of the office, ~~in smaller capital letters~~. The names of the candidates shall be numbered from first to last. Once the secretary of state has assigned numbers to the candidates on the primary election ballot, the numbers shall not be changed.

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(2) In a general election only the names of the candidates who qualified for election shall be listed on the ballot, and the names shall be listed in the same form as they were listed on the ballot for the primary election. The names of candidates who were elected in the primary election shall not be listed on the ballot. The names of the candidates for each office shall be arranged alphabetically by surname, ^gand shall be listed below the title of the office, ~~in smaller capital letters~~. The names of the candidates shall be given the same number assigned to them on the primary election ballot.

D. Political party designation. (1) The political party designation of a candidate who is registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party shall be listed on the primary or general election ballot on the same line and immediately after or below the candidate's name. If a candidate is affiliated with a political party, but such party is not a recognized political party, the word "other" shall be placed after his name. If a candidate is not affiliated with any political party, the words "no party" or an abbreviation thereof shall be placed after his name. The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Subsection.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the political party designation of a candidate in a party primary election shall appear on the ballot according to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section.

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§1279. Vacancies; representatives in congress

When a vacancy occurs in the office of representative in congress, the governor shall determine the dates on which the special elections shall be held and

1 the dates of the qualifying period in accordance with R.S. 18:402 and shall issue a
 2 proclamation ordering a special election and specifying the dates on which the first
 3 party primary, second primary, if necessary, and general elections will be held and
 4 the dates of the qualifying period for the election. Within twenty-four hours after
 5 issuing the proclamation, the governor shall send a copy of the proclamation to the
 6 secretary of state, who shall within twenty-four hours of receipt of the information
 7 notify all election officials having any duty to perform in connection with a special
 8 election to fill such vacancy, including the parish boards of election supervisors for
 9 the parish or parishes in which the vacancy occurred. Immediately thereafter the
 10 secretary of state shall publish the proclamation in the official journal of each parish
 11 in which the election is to be held. The election shall be conducted in the same
 12 manner and at the same places and the returns shall be certified as in regular
 13 congressional elections. If at a primary or general election in a congressional district
 14 one representative in congress is to be elected for a full term and another to fill a
 15 vacancy, the ballots containing the names of the candidates shall, as a part of the title
 16 of the office, designate the term for which the candidates are respectively nominated.

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§1285. Notice of election

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20 B.(1)(a) Written notice of the election and the certificate required by
 21 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be transmitted to the secretary of state and
 22 each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the
 23 election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice and certificate shall
 24 be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the
 25 qualifying period for the primary election. If this deadline falls on a Saturday,
 26 Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be the following day which is not
 27 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. If the election is not to be held on a primary
 28 election date, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state
 29 on or before the sixty-first day prior to the election. The secretary of state shall not
 30 accept any revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title,

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1 text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of the notice and
2 certificate to the secretary of state, unless prior to the printing of the ballots, the
3 revision will correct a typographical error and the revision has been approved by the
4 governing authority that called the proposition election.

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6 §1307. Application by mail

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8 E. A person entitled to vote absentee by mail may request in his application
9 for an absentee ballot for a primary election that an absentee ballot for the
10 succeeding general election be sent to him when such ballots become available for
11 distribution; however, in such case, the applicant shall declare in writing to the
12 registrar that he will be eligible to vote absentee by mail in the general election. For
13 purposes of this Subsection, a party primary election and the succeeding general
14 election for a party primary office are two separate elections. Separate requests shall
15 be made to vote absentee by mail for the party primary election and for the
16 succeeding general election.

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18 L. The registrar shall not send an absentee ballot for a closed party primary
19 election for which the voter is not eligible.

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21 §1309. Early voting; verification

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25 (5) A list of early voting watchers shall be filed with the registrar of voters
26 by hand delivery, facsimile, mail, or commercial courier before 4:30 p.m. on the
27 fourteenth business day before the first day of early voting for the party primary,
28 primary, or general election; however, if the fourteenth business day before the first
29 day of early voting for the party primary, primary, or general election falls on a
30 Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, the list shall be filed on the next day which

1 is not a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday. For purposes of this Paragraph,
2 "commercial courier" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:3204(D).

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4 (7) A list of early voting watchers submitted for the party primary or primary
5 election may be used for the second party primary, primary, or general election only
6 if the chairman of the parish executive committee of the political party notifies the
7 registrar of voters in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the tenth business day before the start
8 of early voting for the second party primary, primary, or general election that the
9 chairman wants to use the same list of early voting watchers.

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11 §1310. Execution of certificate; marking of ballot; casting vote; assistance

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13 F. If a voter who is not affiliated with a political party receives an absentee
14 ballot for the first party primary for a certain major political party in an election for
15 a party primary office and would like to choose the ballot for the first party primary
16 of a different major political party before his ballot has been cast and returned to the
17 registrar, he may obtain a replacement ballot from the registrar.

18 Section 3. Section 2 of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the
19 Legislature is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 "Section 2. ~~This~~ (A) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for
21 elections in 2026 and for other activities and requirements related to the
22 conduct of elections in 2026, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall
23 become effective on June 12, 2025.

24 (B) For all other purposes, the provisions of this Act shall become
25 effective on January 1, 2026."

26 Section 4. Section 5 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature
27 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

28 "Section 5.(A) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for elections in
29 2026 and for other activities and requirements related to the conduct of
30 elections in 2026, the provisions of this Act shall become effective on ~~August~~
31 ~~1, 2025~~ June 12, 2025.

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Section 9.(A) Sections 1, 6, and 8 of this Act shall become effective August 1, 2025.

(B)(1) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for elections in 2026 and for other activities and requirements related to the conduct of elections in 2026, Section 2 of this Act shall become effective June 12, 2025.


(2) For all other purposes, the provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2026.

(C) This Section and Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: 
June 20, 2025

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REFERENCE CHANGES PURSUANT TO ACTS 2025, NO. 386, §8(B)

1 **R.S. 18:513. Certification of candidates elected**
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3 A. Certification of candidates elected for a full term. Within thirty days after the date on
4 which a general election is scheduled to be held, the secretary of state shall certify the name of
5 each candidate elected for a full term to the appropriate official in the following manner:
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9 (5) The name of a candidate elected to any other office, except governor or lieutenant
10 governor, shall be certified to the governor, who shall issue a commission to the elected official on
11 the date the term begins as provided by law or the home rule charter or plan of government. If the
12 date the term begins for an official of a municipality elected in accordance with R.S. 18:402(C) is
13 not provided for, the term shall begin July first following the election. If the date the term begins
14 for any other elected official is not provided by law or home rule charter or plan of government,
15 the governor shall issue a commission:
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19 **R.S. 33:1885. Municipal elections concurrent with congressional elections; term of office**
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21 A. Municipalities may, by ordinance of the governing authority, adopt a plan for holding
22 municipal elections at the congressional elections in accordance with R.S. 18:402(B). Any plan
23 so adopted shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than January 1 of the year in which the
24 plan is to take effect. No such plan shall be revocable by the governing authority. Any
25 municipality that complies with the provisions of this Section may hold municipal elections at the
26 congressional elections in accordance with R.S. 18:402(B). The officers elected shall take office
27 on the first day of January following their election and shall hold their office for four years.
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:154(A)(18) and R.S. 18:1482, 1483(1), (2)(a), (4), (6)(a) and

(b), (9)(a), (b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii) and (iii), (10), (12), (15)(a), (b)(ii), (c), and (d), (16), (17), (19), (22), and (24), 1484(introductory paragraph), (2) and (3), 1485(E), 1486(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (d), the heading of Part II of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 1491.1(A), (B)(3), and (D), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A), (B)(1), (2), and (3), (E), and (H) through (J), 1491.6(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (1)(a), and (2), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B)(4)(a) and (b), (5) through (8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.2, 1495.3(B)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (a) and (E), 1495.4(C)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a) and (2) and (D)(1) and (3)(a), 1495.5(B)(5) and (9) and (C), 1495.6, 1501.1, 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i) and (c), (4), and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b) and (c), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(i)(introductory paragraph), (c), (e), (f) and (g), (3)(a)(iii) through (vii) and (b) through (d), and (5), (I)(1), (2), (4), (5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c) through (e), (6), and (7), (J), (K), (L)(2) and (4), (M), (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and (3)(a)(i), 1505.2.1(A), (D), and (E), 1505.3(B) and (D)(1)(a) and (2)(a)(i) and (b)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B) and (C)(1), 1505.6(A) through (C), 1511.2(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h) and (i), (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph), and (D), 1511.4.1(C)(3), and 1511.5(A)(1) and (B), to enact R.S. 18:1483(9)(d)(v), (15)(b)(iii) and (iv), and (25) through (32), 1491.1(B)(5)(d) and (e), 1491.6(J), 1491.6.1, 1491.9, 1501.3(G), 1505.2(H)(2)(h) and (I)(8), 1511.2(D) and (E), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3), and 1511.4.2, and to repeal R.S. 18:1486(C)(1) and (2)(d), 1505.2(N), and 1511.3(B), relative to

1 the revision of the system of laws related to election campaign finance; to provide
 2 for the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to establish leadership committees and
 3 provide authorizations and restrictions related thereto; to provide for the many
 4 various duties and requirements of committees, including political committees,
 5 principal campaign committees, subsidiary committees, independent expenditure-
 6 only committees, and leadership committees; to provide for contributions; to provide
 7 for contribution limits; to provide for contributions made to or by a political party;
 8 to provide for expenditures; to provide for limitations on expenditures; to provide for
 9 reporting requirements; to provide for contributions, expenditures, and reporting
 10 related to closed party primary elections; to provide for joint fundraising efforts and
 11 agreements; to provide for foreign nationals; to provide for the powers and duties of
 12 the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure; to provide for
 13 investigations conducted by and penalties issued by the supervisory committee; to
 14 repeal provisions related to the regulation of contributions and expenditures related
 15 to proposition elections; to provide for loans; to provide for coordinated
 16 expenditures; to provide for excess contributions; to provide an exception to the
 17 Code of Governmental Ethics for persons contracting with, employed by, or
 18 volunteering for a gubernatorial transition or inauguration; to provide for definitions
 19 and terminology; and to provide for related matters.

20 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

21 Section 1. R.S. 18:1482, ~~1483(1), (2)(a), (4), (6)(a) and (b), (9)(a), (b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii)~~
 22 and (iii), (10), (12), (16), (17), (19), (22), and (24), 1484(introductory paragraph), (2) and
 23 (3), 1485(E), 1486(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (d), the heading
 24 of Part II of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 1491.1(A),
 25 (B)(3), and (D), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A), (B)(1), (2), and (3), (E), and (H)
 26 through (J), 1491.6(A), ~~(B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (1)(a), and~~
 27 (2), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B), ~~(4)(a) and (b), (5) through~~
 28 (8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.2, 1495.3(B)(1) and
 29 (2)(introductory paragraph) and (a) and (E), 1495.4(C)(1)(a) and (2) and (D)(1) and (3)(a),
 30 1495.5(B)(5) and (9) and (C), 1495.6, 1501.1, 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph),

1 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i) and (c), (4), and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b),
 2 (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(i)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (g), (3)(a)(iii) through
 3 (vi) and (b) through (d), and (5), (I)(1), (2), (4), (5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c) through (e), (6), and
 4 (7), (J), (K), (L)(2) and (4), (M), (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and
 5 (3)(a)(i), 1505.3(B) and (D)(1)(a) and (2)(a)(i) and (b)(introductory paragraph) and (ii),
 6 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B) and (C)(1), 1505.6(A) through (C),
 7 1511.2(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h) and (i), (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph), and (D),
 8 1511.4.1(C)(3), and 1511.5(A)(1) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
 9 18:1483(9)(d)(v) and (25) through (32), 1491.1(B)(5)(d) and (e), 1491.6(J), 1491.6.1,
 10 1491.9, 1501.3(G), 1505.2(H)(2)(h) and (I)(8), 1511.2(D) and (E), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3),
 11 and 1511.4.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §1482. Statement of purpose

13 A. The legislature recognizes that the Constitution of the United States and
 14 the Constitution of Louisiana protect political speech, especially speech related to
 15 elections; that the financing of campaigns facilitates constitutionally protected
 16 political speech; that the legislature may regulate the financing of campaigns to
 17 prevent the occurrence and appearance of political corruption and to promote
 18 transparency; and that the effectiveness of representative government is dependent
 19 upon a knowledgeable electorate and the confidence of the electorate in their elected
 20 public officials. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Chapter to provide public
 21 disclosure of the financing of election campaigns and to regulate certain campaign
 22 practices.

23 B. The legislature further recognizes that the provisions of this Chapter are
 24 penal in nature, and that, in the interest of respecting the constitutional rights of free
 25 speech and due process, that the regulation of campaign finance established in this
 26 Chapter shall be interpreted narrowly and strictly and that any ambiguity be
 27 interpreted in favor of a person accused of violating any provision of this Chapter.
 28 and that no deference shall be afforded in interpretation of this Chapter to any agency
 29 enforcing this Chapter, including the supervisory committee.

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§1483. Definitions

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(1)-(5) → (1)-(5) As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings given
(6) → (7) to each in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
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(10)-(11) → (13)-(14) (1) "Affiliated organization" means any organization which is not a political
committee but which directly or indirectly establishes, administers, or financially
(12)-(14) → (17)-(19) supports a political committee.

(15)-(16) → (21)-(22) (2) "Aggregating period" means:
(17)-(18) → (24)-(25) (a) For a political committee, except a political committee which supports
(19)-(24) → (27)-(32) only one candidate, the period from January first of the calendar year through
(25) → (6) December thirty-first of the same calendar year.

(26) → (8) * * *
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(28) → (15) (4) "Chairman" means the principal executive officer of a political
(29) → (16) committee regardless of his title.

(30) → (20) * * *
(31) → (23) (7)
(32) → (26) (a) "Contribution", except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, means

a gift, conveyance, payment, or deposit of money or anything of value, or the
forgiveness of a loan or of a debt; made to any of the following:

- (i) A committee.
- (ii) A candidate for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise
influencing the nomination or election of a person the candidate to public office,
whether made before or after the election.
- (iii) Any person for the purpose of funding an expenditure to influence the
nomination or election of a person to public office, whether made before or after the
election.
- (iv) Any person for the purpose of funding an expenditure to support or
oppose for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted
to the voters, or,
- (v) Any person for the purpose of supporting or opposing funding an
expenditure to influence the recall of a public officer, whether made before or after
the election.

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1 (b) "Contribution" shall also include, without limitation:

2 (i) Contributions in-kind made for any of the purposes stated in this
3 Paragraph, having an attributable monetary value in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty
4 dollars. Contributions in-kind shall include without limitation: the donation by any
5 person, other than a candidate or a political committee, of the services of paid
6 employees, the value of which services exceeds ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, such value
7 to be the amount paid for such services; the donation of, or the donation of the right
8 to use, any item of tangible property when the same is used or consumed and not
9 exchanged or converted to cash or the equivalent of cash and when the accepting
10 candidate, the chairman of the accepting political committee, or accepting person
11 required to file reports under this Chapter and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer of such
12 recipient, if any, determines that its value or the use value, when only the right of use
13 is given, exceeds ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and such determination shall be prima
14 facie evidence of the correctness of the valuation of the item or of the use value when
15 applicable. In addition, successive donations made by the same person, which
16 donations individually are valued below ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars but which together
17 exceed such amount, shall be deemed to be in-kind contributions and shall be
18 aggregated for purposes of the requirements of this Chapter.

19 ~~(ii) Contributions shall also include expenditures made by any person in~~
20 ~~cooperation, consultation, or concert, with, or at the request or suggestion of, a~~
21 ~~candidate, his authorized political committees, or their agents~~ Coordinated
22 expenditures made for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing
23 the nomination or election of the candidate and shall be considered to be a
24 contribution to such candidate.

25 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) A promissory note or written contract to make a contribution as
26 defined above.

27 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) A payment to purchase campaign paraphernalia, ~~such as campaign~~
28 ~~pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, shirts, banners, literature, and similar~~
29 ~~items; other than expenditures made by a candidate or political committee to~~
30 purchase its own paraphernalia.

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(iv) (v) A payment for tickets to a testimonial or similar ~~fund-raising~~ event.

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(ii)
(9)(a) "Expenditure" means a purchase, payment, advance, deposit, or gift, of money or anything of value ~~made for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of a person to public office, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters, or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer, whether made before or after the election.~~ made for a purpose provided for in R.S. 18:1501.1(A) or 1505.2(I).

(b) "Expenditure" shall also include:

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(ii) Expenditures in-kind which have an attributable monetary value in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, made for any of the purposes stated in this Paragraph. Expenditures in-kind shall include without limitation: the donation by any person, candidate, or ~~political~~ committee of the services of paid employees, the value of which services exceeds ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, such value to be the amount paid for such services; the donation of, or the donation of the right to use, any item of tangible property when the same is used or consumed and not exchanged or converted to cash or the equivalent of cash and when the donating candidate, the chairman of the donating committee, or the donating person required to file reports under this Chapter, and the campaign treasurer of such donor, if any, determines that its value or the use value, when only the right to use is given, exceeds ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and such determination shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of the valuation of the item or the use value when applicable. In addition, successive donations made to the same person, which donations individually are valued below ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars but which together exceed such amount, shall be deemed to be in-kind expenditures and shall be aggregated for purposes of the requirements of this Chapter.

(c) Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency, or agent for a candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other person required to file reports

1 under this Chapter shall be considered expenditures of the candidate, political
 2 committee, or such other person, and must be specifically reported as required by
 3 this Chapter. Each such firm, agency, or agent, which makes any expenditure for
 4 any candidate, political committee, or other person required to file reports under this
 5 Chapter, shall timely furnish to such candidate, political committee, or person such
 6 information relative thereto as may be required for compliance with this Chapter.

7 (d) "Expenditure" shall not include:

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9 (ii) Any communication by any membership organization or business entity
 10 to its employees, members, directors, or stockholders, or their family members, if
 11 such membership organization or business entity is not organized primarily for the
 12 purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination for
 13 election, or election, of any person to public office or for the purpose of supporting
 14 or opposing a proposition or question to be submitted to the voters. All other
 15 expenditures made by such membership organization or business entity which are
 16 otherwise reportable under the provisions of this Chapter shall be reported. For
 17 purposes of this definition, business entity means any proprietorship, partnership,
 18 corporation, or other legal entity, including their subsidiaries.

19 (iii) A transfer of funds between political committees.

20 * * *

21 (v) Any communication disseminated by a church unless the communication
 22 is of express advocacy for or against a specific candidate. Nothing in this Chapter
 23 shall require a church to disclose the identities, donations, or contributions of
 24 members of the church. For purposes of this Item, "church" means an organization
 25 considered a church by the Internal Revenue Service for federal tax purposes.

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27 ⁽¹³⁾
~~(10)~~(a) "Independent expenditure-only political committee" means a
 28 committee registered with the supervisory committee which makes independent
 29 expenditures, makes no political contributions to any candidate for any elected office
 30 in this state or any of its subdivisions, or such candidate's principal campaign

1 committee or a subsidiary committee thereof, and makes no coordinated
 2 expenditures with a candidate or such candidate's principal campaign committee or
 3 a subsidiary committee thereof.

4 (b) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person expressly
 5 advocating for express advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified or
 6 identifiable, qualified candidate for public office, including supporting or opposing
 7 the candidates of a political party, and that is not made in cooperation, consultation,
 8 or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's
 9 authorized principal campaign committee or a subsidiary committee thereof, or their
 10 agents, or a political party committee or its agents.

11 * * *

12 (17) (12) "Loan" means a transfer of money, property, or anything of value in
 13 exchange for an obligation to repay in whole or in part, made for the purpose of
 14 ~~supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination for election, or~~
 15 ~~election, of any person to public office, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a~~
 16 ~~proposition or question submitted to the voters, or for the purpose of supporting or~~
 17 ~~opposing the recall of a public officer, any purpose provided for in R.S.~~
 18 18:1501.1(A) or 1505.2(D), whether made before or after the election.

19 * * *

20 (22) (16) "Person" means any individual, partnership, limited liability company
 21 or corporation, association, labor union, ~~political~~ committee, corporation, or other
 22 legal entity, including their subsidiaries.

23 (24) (17)(a)(i) "Political committee" or "~~committee~~" means a committee two or
 24 ~~more persons, other than a husband and wife, and any legal entity organized for the~~
 25 primary purpose of making expenditures supporting or opposing one or more
 26 candidates, propositions, recalls of a public officer, or political parties, which accepts
 27 contributions in the name of the political committee, or makes expenditures from
 28 political committee funds or in the name of the political committee, or makes a
 29 transfer of funds to or receives a transfer of funds from another committee, or

1 receives or makes loans in an aggregate amount in excess of ~~five hundred one~~
2 thousand dollars within any calendar year.

3 (ii) "Political committee" ~~or "committee"~~ shall also include ~~two or more~~
4 ~~persons, other than a husband or wife, and any legal entity~~ a committee which
5 supports or opposes one or more candidates, propositions, recalls of a public officer,
6 or political parties, and which accepts direct payments for personal services related
7 to an election or a campaign in the name of the political committee in an aggregate
8 amount in excess of ~~five hundred one thousand~~ dollars within any calendar year.

9 Except that an entity that holds a license or permit duly issued by the appropriate
10 governmental entity to provide the personal services provided, regularly does
11 business in the ~~area~~ state, and regularly has done business in the ~~area~~ state for at least
12 ninety days prior to the date the personal services are provided and the personal
13 services provided are the same as the personal services regularly provided by the
14 business in the normal and usual scope of its usual business activities shall not
15 constitute a "political committee" for purposes of the requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1
16 through ~~1491.8~~ 1491.9 which would require such an entity to keep records and
17 submit reports.

18 (iii) Any state central committee, parish executive committee, and any other
19 committee of any political party which receives contributions or makes expenditures
20 ~~in such amount during such period in an aggregate amount in excess of two thousand~~
21 five hundred dollars within any calendar year shall be considered a "political
22 committee" for the purposes of this Chapter.

23 (b) ~~An entity that during the reporting period has supported candidates in~~
24 ~~states other than Louisiana, has received less than fifty percent of its total receipts~~
25 ~~for the applicable reporting period from Louisiana candidates or committees formed~~
26 ~~to support Louisiana candidates, and has expended less than fifty percent, but not~~
27 ~~more than twenty thousand dollars, of its total disbursements for the applicable~~
28 ~~reporting period in support of or in opposition to Louisiana candidates shall not~~
29 ~~constitute a "political committee" for purposes of requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1~~
30 ~~through 1491.8 which would require such an entity to keep records and submit~~

1 reports: A principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee thereof,
2 leadership committee, or independent expenditure-only committee shall not be
3 considered a "political committee".

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4 (27)
5 (19) "Principal campaign committee" means a ~~political~~ committee
6 designated by a candidate pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.3(A) or a ~~political~~ committee
7 which has designated subsidiary committee(s).

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8 (30)
9 (22) "Subsidiary committee" means a ~~political~~ committee other than a
10 principal campaign committee, designated by a candidate or by a principal campaign
11 committee pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.3(B) or ~~R.S. 18:1491.3(C)~~ (C) to receive
12 contributions or make expenditures on behalf of the candidate or the principal
13 campaign committee.

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14 (32)
15 (24) "Transfer of funds" means any money, regardless of amount, received
16 by a committee from another committee or money given by a committee to another
17 committee for any purpose provided for in R.S. 18:1505.2(I).

18 (b)
19 (25)(a) "Committee" means any legal entity, including an association or
20 political party, or other group of two or more persons, other than a husband and wife,
21 which receives or anticipates receiving contributions and makes or anticipates
22 making expenditures, and has the primary purpose of making contributions to or
23 expenditures to or on behalf of any state or local elected official, candidate,
24 campaign, or other committee. An entity shall not be a committee if the entity makes
25 expenditures for the purpose of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls using
26 only the entity's general revenues and does not receive contributions for the purpose
27 of supporting or opposing candidates or recalls. "Committee" includes any
28 independent expenditure-only committee, leadership committee, political committee,
29 or principal campaign committee, or subsidiary committee thereof.

30 (b) An entity that during a reporting period has supported candidates in states
other than Louisiana; has received less than fifty percent of its total receipts for the

1 applicable reporting period from Louisiana candidates or committees formed to
2 support Louisiana candidates; and has expended less than fifty percent, but not more
3 than fifty thousand dollars, of its total disbursements for the applicable reporting
4 period in support of or in opposition to Louisiana candidates shall not constitute a
5 "committee" for purposes of requirements of R.S. 18:1491.1 through 1491.9 which
6 would require such an entity to keep records and submit reports.

7 ⁽⁹⁾
8 ~~(26)~~ "Coordinated expenditure" means an expenditure made by any person
9 in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a
10 candidate, his principal campaign committee or a subsidiary committee thereof, or
11 their agents for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the
12 nomination or election of the candidate.

13 ⁽¹²⁾
14 ~~(27)~~ "Express advocacy" means communications containing express words
15 of advocacy of election, recall, or defeat, including but not limited to "vote for",
16 "elect", "support", "cast your ballot for", "vote against", "recall", "defeat", or "reject"
17 or the name of a candidate in combination with the office the candidate is seeking.

18 ⁽¹⁵⁾
19 ~~(28)~~ "Joint fundraising agreement" means a written agreement between
20 committees or other organizations to engage in joint fundraising efforts,
21 proportionately share expenses of the joint fundraising, and distribute proceeds
22 according to an allotment schedule in accordance with R.S. 18:1491.9.

23 ⁽¹⁶⁾
24 ~~(29)~~ "Leadership committee" means a committee registered with the
25 supervisory committee which is designated by an elected official, but which is not
26 the principal campaign committee of the elected official and does not make
27 expenditures in support of the candidacy of the elected official or in opposition to
28 any opponent of the elected official and that makes expenditures only as authorized
29 by R.S. 18:1505.2(1)(1)(a) and (c).

30 ⁽²⁰⁾
~~(30)~~ "Paraphernalia" means campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems,
hats, shirts, banners, literature, and similar items.

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~~(31)~~ "Personal use" means any use of funds of a candidate, principal
campaign committee or subsidiary committee thereof, or leadership committee to
fulfill a commitment, obligation, or expense that primarily furthers the purposes of

1 the candidate or elected official or his immediate family member not connected to
2 the conduct of a campaign by a candidate or the holding of office and that would
3 exist irrespective of the candidate's campaign or the holding of office.

4 ⁽²⁶⁾
5 ~~(32)~~ "Primary purpose" means the purpose of making contributions or
6 expenditures that constitute the preponderance of the association, political party, or
7 group's spending during a calendar year.

8 §1484. Disclosure reports; persons required to file

9 Except as otherwise specifically provided, the following persons or their
10 campaign treasurers, if any, shall file reports of contributions and expenditures as
11 more specifically provided in this Chapter:

12 * * *

13 (2) Each candidate for any other public office who does either of the
14 following:

15 (a) Makes expenditures in excess of ~~two thousand five hundred~~ five thousand
16 dollars.

17 (b) Receives ~~a contribution~~ contributions in excess of ~~two hundred~~ five
18 thousand dollars in the aggregate during the aggregating period. For purposes of this
19 Paragraph only, a contribution by a candidate for his own campaign for a public
20 office other than a major office or district office shall not be considered in
21 determining whether the candidate has received a contribution in excess of ~~two~~
hundred five thousand dollars in the aggregate.

22 (3) Each ~~political~~ committee.

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24 §1485. Filing; receipt by supervisory committee; special penalties

25 * * *

26 E.(1) Each person and ~~political~~ committee required to file reports pursuant
27 to this Chapter that receives contributions or loans in excess of fifty thousand dollars
28 in a calendar year or which makes expenditures in excess of fifty thousand dollars
29 in a calendar year, other than a candidate or ~~an authorized political~~ principal
30 campaign committee of a candidate or a subsidiary committee thereof or a political

1 committee of a recognized political party, shall file all reports required by this
 2 Chapter electronically with the supervisory committee through the Board of Ethics
 3 Computerized Data Management System as provided in R.S. 42:1158.

4 (2) In addition to any other applicable penalties, the failure of a person or
 5 political committee required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection to file a report
 6 electronically shall subject such person or political committee to penalties of five
 7 hundred dollars per day until the report is filed as required by this Subsection.

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9 §1486. Proposition and recall elections; required reports; ~~recall elections~~

10 A.(1) Any person, including a political committee, who receives and accepts
 11 any contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, or makes any expenditure in support of
 12 or in opposition to a proposition or question submitted to the voters shall be required
 13 to file reports of such contributions and expenditures.

14 (2) Any person, including a political committee, who receives and accepts
 15 any contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, or makes any expenditure in support of
 16 or in opposition to the recall of a public officer shall be required to file reports of
 17 such contributions and expenditures.

18 (3) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Section and in R.S.
 19 18:1505.4 and 1505.5, the provisions for reporting and filing requirements,
 20 prohibited practices, recordkeeping, and penalties applicable to political committees
 21 shall apply to persons subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
 22 Subsection.

23 B. ~~These requirements~~ The requirements of Subsection A of this Section
 24 shall be applicable only if the aggregate amount of contributions, loans, and transfers
 25 of funds received and accepted or expenditures made equals or exceeds two hundred
 26 five thousand dollars at any time during the aggregating period; ~~except that, with~~
 27 ~~regard to expenditures made in support of or in opposition to a proposition or~~
 28 ~~question submitted to the voters by a person who is not a candidate or a member of~~
 29 ~~the principal campaign committee of a candidate or of a political committee, these~~
 30 requirements shall be applicable only if the aggregate amount of expenditures made

1 ~~equals or exceeds one thousand dollars.~~ "Aggregating period" for purposes of this
2 Section shall mean the period from the date on which the first contribution is
3 received or the first expenditure is made by the person or ~~political~~ committee,
4 whichever is earlier, through the closing date for the last report required to be filed
5 in accordance with this Chapter.

6 C.(1) The reports required as provided in Paragraph ^{(A)(1)}~~A(1)~~ of this Section
7 shall be filed not later than the thirtieth day prior to the election, which shall be
8 complete through the fortieth day prior to the election, not later than the tenth day
9 prior to the election, which shall be complete through the twentieth day prior to the
10 election, and not later than the fortieth day after the election, which shall be complete
11 through the thirtieth day after the election. During the period from midnight of the
12 twentieth day prior to the election and extending through midnight of election day
13 a report shall be filed within forty-eight hours after the time any contribution, loan,
14 or transfer of funds is received and accepted or expenditure in excess of ~~two hundred~~
15 five thousand dollars is made; if such time falls other than during regular working
16 hours, this report shall be filed with the supervisory committee on the next working
17 day after the report is otherwise due. Such report shall provide information relative
18 to such contributions, loans, and transfers of funds and expenditures in excess of ~~two~~
19 hundred five thousand dollars as provided in R.S. 18:1491.6(C). If the report filed
20 on the fortieth day after the election shows a deficit, the person or ~~political~~
21 committee reporting shall be required to file supplemental reports as required by R.S.
22 18:1491.6(D).

23 (2) Any person or ~~political~~ committee who is required to file reports as
24 provided in ~~Paragraph A(2)~~ Paragraph ^{(A)(2)}~~A(2)~~ of this Section shall file reports as
25 provided in this Chapter according to the following schedule:

26 * * *

27 (d) If the recall effort is successful in having the recall question submitted
28 to the voters, the person or ~~political~~ committee shall be required to file reports as
29 provided in Paragraph ⁽¹⁾~~(1)~~ of this Subsection.

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PART II. ~~POLITICAL~~ COMMITTEES

§1491.1. Registration of ~~political~~ committees

A. Each ~~political~~ committee, including a subsidiary committee, which knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or loans, or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another committee during a calendar year in the aggregate amount exceeding ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars shall file a statement of organization with the supervisory committee annually after January ~~1~~ first and no later than January ~~31~~ thirty-first of each calendar year. Any such committee organized after January ~~31~~ thirty-first shall file the required statement of organization no later than the tenth day after its organization. Any committee which, after January ~~31~~ thirty-first, knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds in the aggregate in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars during the calendar year shall file the required statement of organization within ten days after the date on which it has information which causes it to know or anticipate that it will receive such contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make such expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds. If a ~~political~~ committee which knows or anticipates that it will receive contributions, loans, or transfers of funds or make expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds in the aggregate in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars during a calendar year, is organized within ten days prior to any election, it shall file the statement of organization required by this Section no later than the third day after such organizing. Any committee required to file supplemental reports under the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.6 shall file the annual statement of organization. The supervisory committee shall issue a certificate of registration to each committee which submits the statement required by this Subsection.

B. The statement of organization shall include:

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(3) The name and address of the ~~campaign~~ treasurer of the committee, if any, and of any deputy ~~campaign~~ treasurers of the committee.

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3 (d) A statement, if applicable, that the committee is organized as a leadership
4 committee, an identification of the elected official with whom the committee is
5 affiliated, and a certification by the committee that the committee is not making and
6 will not make contributions, whether direct or in-kind, to the principal campaign
7 committee of the elected official with which it is affiliated, or any subsidiary
8 committee thereof, or expenditures for the purpose of supporting the election to
9 public office of the elected official with which it is affiliated, or opposing the
10 election to public office of any opponent of the elected official with which it is
11 affiliated.

12 (e) A statement, if applicable, that the committee is organized as a joint
13 fundraising committee pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.9 and the name and mailing address
14 of each committee and organization participating in the joint fundraising agreement
15 that designates the committee as the joint fundraising committee.

16 * * *

17 D. No committee shall receive contributions or loans, make expenditures or
18 loans or make a transfer of funds to or receive a transfer of funds from another
19 committee in the aggregate in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars in any
20 calendar year until it has filed the annual statement of organization required by this
21 Section. Any committee which violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be
22 subject to the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.5 and R.S. ~~18:1505.6.~~

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24 §1491.2. Statement of dissolution

25 A.(1) Each ~~political~~ committee, ~~including any subsidiary committee,~~ which
26 after having filed an annual statement of organization wishes to dissolve shall file a
27 statement of dissolution with the supervisory committee prior to dissolving stating
28 that the committee has determined either of the following: or disband and (1)
29 determines that

1 (a) That it no longer meets the criteria set forth in R.S. 18:1491.1(A), ~~or (2)~~
 2 determines that

3 (b) That it will no longer receive any contributions, loans, or transfers of
 4 funds and will no longer make any expenditures, loans, or transfers of funds, ~~shall~~
 5 ~~file a statement of dissolution with the supervisory committee prior to dissolving.~~

6 (2) No committee which has unpaid debts or obligations or which has any
 7 funds on hand shall file a statement of dissolution; until any debts or obligations have
 8 been paid or otherwise extinguished and any funds have been expended or otherwise
 9 distributed.

10 (3) A statement of dissolution shall include the following: ~~(1)~~ a

11 (a) A certified statement by the committee chairman and campaign treasurer,
 12 if any, that the committee has not received contributions, transfers of funds, or loans,
 13 or made expenditures, transfers of funds, or loans in the aggregate during the
 14 calendar year in excess of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars and does not anticipate
 15 doing so, or ~~(2)~~ a ~~certified statement by the committee chairman and campaign~~
 16 ~~treasurer, if any,~~ that the committee will receive no contributions, transfers of funds,
 17 or loans and will make no expenditures, transfers of funds, or loans, during the
 18 remainder of the calendar year.

19 (b) ~~The committee shall file a~~ A report of contributions and expenditures
 20 containing the information required in R.S. 18:1491.7, ~~with the statement of~~
 21 ~~dissolution.~~

22 B. No ~~political~~ committee shall dissolve or file a statement of dissolution as
 23 provided in Subsection A above of this Section and reorganize under a modified
 24 name, charter, or organizational structure ~~merely~~ as a subterfuge to avoid the
 25 reporting and other requirements of this Part. Any committee which dissolves or
 26 files a statement of dissolution as provided in Subsection A above of this Section and
 27 is thereafter recreated with substantially the same membership and purposes with the
 28 intent to avoid the requirements of this Part, for purposes of this Part, shall be
 29 deemed not to have been dissolved and shall be subject to the provisions of this Part
 30 as if no dissolution had taken place and no statement of dissolution filed. In

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1 addition, any committee which violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be
2 subject to the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.4, 1505.5, and 1505.6 ~~R.S.~~
3 ~~18:1505.5~~, and ~~R.S. 18:1505.6~~.

4 §1491.3. Principal campaign committees; subsidiary committees; consolidation of
5 reports

6 A. Each candidate may designate only one ~~political committee as his~~
7 principal campaign committee. Such designation shall be in writing and a copy
8 thereof shall be filed with the supervisory committee no later than ten days after such
9 designation is made. Any committee which designates subsidiary committees shall
10 be a principal campaign committee and shall file a self-designation as a principal
11 campaign committee with the supervisory committee at the time it first files a
12 designation of a subsidiary committee. A principal campaign committee of a
13 candidate shall report, in lieu of the candidate, all information required to be reported
14 by the candidate pursuant to R.S. 18:1495.4 and ~~R.S. 18:1495.5~~.

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16 §1491.4. ~~Campaign Committee~~ treasurers; campaign depositories; expenditures;
17 petty cash fund

18 A. The chairman of each ~~political~~ committee shall be the ~~campaign~~ treasurer
19 of the ~~political~~ committee, unless the ~~political~~ committee appoints a ~~campaign~~
20 treasurer. ~~Political committees~~ Committees also may appoint one or more deputy
21 ~~campaign~~ treasurers. The names and addresses of any ~~campaign~~ treasurer or deputy
22 ~~campaign~~ treasurer so appointed shall be filed with the supervisory committee in the
23 statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1, or if appointed after the
24 statement of organization is filed, the names and addresses of any ~~campaign~~ treasurer
25 or deputy ~~campaign~~ treasurer shall be reported to the supervisory committee within
26 ten days following appointment.

27 B.(1) Any person may solicit contributions for or on behalf of the ~~political~~
28 committee, or sell political paraphernalia, ~~including such items as buttons, flags and~~
29 ~~literature~~, or tickets to a testimonial or other ~~fund-raising~~ fundraising event, provided that all
30 contribution(s) or proceeds are transmitted directly to the chairman of the ~~political~~

1 committee or its ~~designated~~ treasurer or a ~~designated~~ deputy treasurer of the
2 committee together with such information as may be required by this Chapter. No
3 chairman of a ~~political~~ committee or designated treasurer or deputy treasurer shall
4 accept such funds without such information and they shall be responsible under the
5 provisions of this Chapter for any errors and omissions in records or reports of such
6 funds. Any contributions or transfer of funds received by a ~~political~~ committee
7 which has appointed a ~~campaign~~ treasurer shall be transferred to the ~~campaign~~
8 treasurer.

9 (2) When any person who is not the ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer
10 of a ~~political~~ committee makes any expenditure for the committee, he shall transmit
11 directly to the ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer all information concerning
12 the expenditure required by this Chapter. The ~~campaign~~ treasurer of the committee
13 shall be responsible under the provisions of this Chapter for any errors or omissions
14 in the records or reports of such expenditures.

15 (3) For purposes of all reports required by this Chapter, all contributions
16 received by or transferred to a ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer of a ~~political~~
17 committee, and all expenditures made by a ~~campaign~~ treasurer or a deputy treasurer
18 of a ~~political~~ committee or by any other person on behalf of the committee, shall be
19 considered contributions or expenditures of the ~~political~~ committee.

20 C. ~~Deputy campaign treasurers~~ A deputy treasurer of a committee may
21 exercise any of the powers and duties of a ~~campaign~~ treasurer as set forth in this
22 Chapter when specifically authorized to do so by the ~~campaign~~ treasurer and the
23 chairman of the ~~political~~ committee.

24 D.(1) The chairman of each ~~political~~ committee shall designate one or more
25 national or state banks or state or federally chartered savings and loan associations
26 or savings banks, or state or federally chartered credit unions, as the ~~campaign~~
27 depositories of the committee and may invest in a money market mutual fund,
28 certificate of deposit, or United States treasury security and designate such
29 investment or fund as a ~~campaign~~ depository. The committee chairman, the
30 committee ~~campaign~~ treasurer, and any deputy treasurers shall deposit any

1 contributions received by them into an account or accounts maintained at such
2 depository or depositories. No expenditure shall be made by any committee
3 chairman, committee ~~campaign~~ treasurer, deputy treasurer, or any other person on
4 behalf of the committee, except by check drawn on such account or accounts, except
5 as specifically provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and Subsection E of this
6 Section. Each check drawn on any such account shall be made payable to a specific
7 person, except a check made payable to petty cash. Each check drawn on such an
8 account shall indicate the objects or services for which such check is drawn and such
9 check shall be maintained as part of the records required by R.S. 18:1491.5. The
10 name and address of such campaign depository so designated shall be filed with the
11 supervisory committee in the statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1.
12 If any additional depositories are designated, they shall be reported within ten days
13 following such designation as required by R.S. 18:1491.1.

14 (2) An expenditure may be made by a committee chairman, committee
15 ~~campaign~~ treasurer, deputy treasurer, or other authorized person on behalf of the
16 committee by electronic funds transfer provided that the transfer of funds is to a
17 specific person and that records are maintained as to the objects or services for which
18 such transfer of funds was made. Detailed records of each electronic fund transfer
19 shall be maintained as part of the records required by R.S. 18:1491.5.

20 (3) A ~~political~~ committee, which is not the principal campaign committee or
21 designated subsidiary committee of a candidate, or that makes a contribution to a
22 candidate or to the principal campaign committee or designated subsidiary
23 committee of a candidate shall clearly indicate to the candidate or the principal
24 campaign committee or designated subsidiary committee of the candidate that the
25 contribution is from a political committee either by a designation on the check or by
26 a separate notification attached to the contribution.

27 E. A ~~political~~ committee may maintain a petty cash fund or funds. A petty
28 cash fund shall be maintained on an imprest system, that is, expenditures may be
29 made in cash from the fund, and the fund shall from time to time be restored to its
30 original amount by a transfer of funds from other committee funds of a sum equal

1 to the aggregate of the sums expended from the fund. No expenditure in excess of
2 two hundred dollars shall be made from the petty cash fund, and no expenditure shall
3 be made from the petty cash fund for any personal services, except for gratuities paid
4 for the serving of food or drink. No expenditure shall be made from the petty cash
5 fund in violation of R.S. 18:1531. A complete record of petty cash expenditures
6 shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.5(D).

7 §1491.5. Maintenance of records; valuation of in-kind contributions and
8 expenditures

9 A. The chairman of each ~~political~~ committee and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer, ~~if~~
10 ~~the chairman does not act as campaign treasurer~~, shall be responsible for providing
11 and maintaining such records of campaign the finances of the committee as are
12 necessary to comply with the provisions of this Part, including but not limited to the
13 records specifically required by this Section.

14 B.(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the ~~campaign~~ treasurer
15 of each ~~political~~ committee shall keep such records of ~~campaign~~ contributions
16 received and accepted by him or a deputy treasurer as shall be necessary to comply
17 with the provisions of this Part, including the names and addresses of all
18 contributors, and the date of each contribution, the amount or value of the
19 contribution of whatever value, and a description and valuation of all in-kind
20 contributions.

21 (2) Payments made to purchase raffle tickets, ~~campaign or paraphernalia;~~
22 ~~such as campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, shirts, banners,~~
23 ~~literature, and similar items,~~ other than expenditures made by a ~~political~~ committee
24 for its own paraphernalia, and payments for tickets to testimonials and similar
25 fundraising events are contributions, and records thereof shall be maintained,
26 provided that:

27 (a) In the case of any single transaction involving the sale of raffle tickets or
28 ~~of items such as campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners,~~
29 ~~literature, and similar material~~ paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess
30 of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and the proceeds of which are received and deposited by

1 a political committee, no record need be kept by the ~~campaign~~ treasurer for such
 2 recipient committee, except the total amount received and deposited from such sale
 3 and the fact that such amount was received from such sale.

4 (b) No person shall sell or buy raffle tickets or ~~campaign~~ paraphernalia in
 5 successive single transactions for amounts below those for which specific records are
 6 required by this Paragraph as a subterfuge to avoid requirements of this Part that
 7 names and addresses of contributors and dates and amounts of contributions be
 8 recorded, aggregated, and reported. Such transactions shall be considered single
 9 transactions and shall be recorded and reported as provided in this Part. Any person
 10 who violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the penalties provided
 11 in R.S. 18:1505.4, 1505.5, and 1505.6 ~~R.S. 18:1505.5, and R.S. 18:1505.6~~.

12 (3) The ~~campaign~~ treasurer of each ~~political~~ committee shall also keep such
 13 records of campaign expenditures made or contracted as shall be necessary to
 14 comply with the provisions of this Part, including the name and address of the person
 15 or firm from whom goods or services were purchased or contracted, the date, the
 16 amount or value and the purpose of the expenditure, a description of the goods or
 17 services purchased or contracted, and a description and valuation of all in-kind
 18 expenditures.

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20 E. A record shall be kept of each loan made by the committee to or from any
 21 person or ~~political~~ committee, together with the full name and address of the lender,
 22 of the recipient of the proceeds of the loan, and of any person who makes any type
 23 of security agreement binding himself or his property, directly or indirectly, for the
 24 repayment of all or any part of the loan. In addition, a record shall be kept of the
 25 repayment of each such loan and of the source of funds expended for repayment.

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27 H. Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency, or
 28 agent for a ~~political~~ committee shall be considered expenditures of the ~~political~~
 29 committee and must be specifically reported as required by this Part. Each such
 30 firm, agency, or agent shall timely furnish to such ~~political~~ committee such

1 information relative thereto as may be required for compliance with this Part.
 2 Failure by any such firm, agency or agent to timely furnish a ~~political~~ committee
 3 such information required for compliance with this Part shall be grounds for a civil
 4 action for damages.

5 I. A ~~campaign~~ treasurer shall preserve records required by this Part for six
 6 years; ~~except~~ However, a ~~campaign~~ treasurer for a committee which supports only
 7 one candidate shall preserve such records for two years after the final report which
 8 he is required by this Part to file for the election has been filed, including any
 9 supplemental reports required.

10 J. The accounts and records kept by a ~~campaign~~ treasurer under the
 11 provisions of this Part shall be available for inspection or use by the supervisory
 12 committee in connection with any investigation pursuant to this Chapter, or by any
 13 grand jury or court in connection with any proceeding instituted under the provisions
 14 of this Chapter; however, such accounts and records shall be kept strictly
 15 confidential by the supervisory committee and any court, except to the extent any
 16 contents thereof may become a public record in any judicial proceeding to enforce
 17 the provisions of this Chapter.

18 §1491.6. Reports required; reporting times and periods

19 A. The chairman of a ~~political~~ committee and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer of the
 20 committee, if any, shall be responsible for filing a report of all information required
 21 in this Section and R.S. 18:1491.7 with the supervisory committee at the times
 22 required in this Section. The ~~political~~ committee chairman and ~~campaign~~ treasurer
 23 ~~of the committee~~, if any, shall certify, in each report, that the information contained
 24 in the report is true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information, and
 25 belief, that no expenditures have been made and no contributions have been received
 26 that are not reported therein, and that no information required by this Part has been
 27 deliberately omitted.

28 B. A report shall be filed for a ~~political~~ committee for each regularly
 29 scheduled election in which the committee participates according to the following
 30 schedule:

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C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day, and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, each committee which is participating in the election shall file a report with the supervisory committee of:

(1)(a) The full name and address of each person from whom the committee has received and accepted a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds during such period in excess of the following amounts: a committee participating in the election of a candidate for any major office, ~~one~~ two thousand dollars; a committee participating in the election of a candidate for district office, ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars; a committee participating in the election of a candidate for any other office, ~~two~~ five hundred ~~and fifty~~ dollars. If the committee is participating in the election of candidates for offices with different reporting amounts, the amount shall be the lowest for any candidate in whose election the committee is participating or in which any committee is participating to which it makes or from which it receives a transfer of funds.

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(2) Any expenditure in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred dollars made to a candidate, committee, or person required to file reports by this Chapter, who makes endorsements, including the full name and address of each person to whom such expenditure is made, the amount, date and purpose of each such expenditure, and a brief description and valuation of an in-kind expenditure.

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D.(1) If the final report of a ~~political~~ committee for an election, as required by Paragraph ~~(5)~~, ~~(6)~~, or ~~(7)~~ of ~~Subsection B~~ of this Section, or the most recent monthly report of a such committee pursuant to Subsection I of this Section shows a deficit or a surplus, the chairman and treasurer of the committee, if any, shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such reports shall be filed annually no later than February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth and shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first.

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1 Such a supplemental report shall be filed each year until a report has been filed
 2 which shows no deficit and until any surplus campaign funds have been disposed of
 3 in accordance with R.S. 18:1505.2(I). The report on surplus funds shall disclose the
 4 disbursement of such funds in the same manner as expenditures are reported.

5 (2) A "deficit", for purposes of this Subsection, means debts or obligations
 6 owed by the political committee which are required to be reported by R.S.
 7 18:1491.7(B)(14).

8 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the committee is
 9 dissolved or ~~disbanded~~ and shows a deficit of less than ~~two thousand five hundred~~
 10 five thousand dollars. However, if the political committee is dissolved or ~~disbanded~~
 11 and its deficit is equal to or greater than ~~two thousand five hundred~~ five thousand
 12 dollars, the political committee shall file supplemental reports with the supervisory
 13 committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7. Such report shall be filed
 14 annually no later than February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth and shall be complete
 15 through the preceding December thirty-first. Such report shall be filed each year for
 16 five years or until a report has been filed which shows no deficit or surplus.

17 (b) However, if after five years the political a committee with a deficit
 18 receives any contribution or if any repayment occurs on an outstanding debt or loan,
 19 such political committee shall file a supplemental report by the following February
 20 ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth which shall be complete through the preceding December
 21 thirty-first.

22 (c) If the political committee has surplus campaign funds, a report need not
 23 be filed under this Subsection if such political committee files an annual report in
 24 accordance with Subsection E of this Section which includes such surplus campaign
 25 funds.

26 E. A report shall be filed for each committee of all information required in
 27 R.S. 18:1491.7 no later than February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth of each year which
 28 shall be complete as of the preceding December thirty-first. The annual report
 29 required by this Subsection shall not be required:

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1 G. The reporting period for all reports of political committees, except the
 2 first report of a committee, shall be the period from the time through which the
 3 preceding report was complete through the closing date for the particular report. The
 4 reporting period for the first report of a committee shall be the period from the time
 5 when the committee was organized through the closing date for the particular report.

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7 I.(1) A political committee ~~other than a principal or subsidiary campaign~~
 8 ~~committee of a candidate or an independent expenditure-only committee~~ may file
 9 monthly reports due no later than the ~~tenth~~ fifteenth day of the month following a
 10 month in which the committee accepts a contribution or some other receipt or makes
 11 an expenditure or some other disbursement rather than file the reports otherwise
 12 required by ~~Subsections B, (C)(1), and F~~ Subsections B and F and Paragraph (C)(1)
 13 of this Section.

14 (2) Such monthly reports shall include all of the information required to be
 15 included in a report pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.7.

16 (3) A political committee or an independent expenditure-only committee
 17 wishing to file monthly reports may do so upon written notification to the
 18 supervisory committee of its intention to do so delivered to the supervisory
 19 committee no less than forty-five days prior to the due date for the next report the
 20 committee would otherwise be required to file. The committee shall file its first
 21 monthly report no later than the month following the month in which such
 22 notification is so delivered. Such report shall include all information required for
 23 reports pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.7 for the period since the committee's last report.

24 (4) Nothing in this Subsection shall exempt a political committee or an
 25 independent expenditure-only committee from filing the reports required by
 26 Paragraphs ~~(2) and (3)~~ (2) of Subsection C of this Section.

27 J. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to reports filed by a
 28 leadership committee.

§1491.6.1. Leadership committees: reports required

A. A leadership committee shall file monthly reports due no later than the fifteenth day of the month following a month in which the committee accepts a contribution or some other receipt or makes an expenditure or some other disbursement.

B. Monthly reports filed as provided in this Section shall include all of the information required to be included pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.7.

§1491.7. Reports; contents

A.(1) Unless otherwise specifically provided, each report required by this Part shall contain the following information:

(1) ~~(a) the~~ The name and address of the political committee for whom the report is ~~filed;~~ filed.

(2) ~~(b) the~~ The name and address of the treasurer completing the report.

(3) ~~(c) the~~ The names and addresses of the committee chairman and of the other principal ~~officers;~~ officers.

(2) Unless otherwise specifically provided, each report by a political committee, principal campaign committee, or independent expenditure-only committee required by this Part shall contain the following information:

(4) ~~(a) the~~ The name, address, office sought, and party affiliation of each candidate whom the committee is supporting or opposing, and a designation as to whether such committee is supporting or opposing such ~~candidate;~~ candidate.

(5) ~~(b) whether~~ Whether the committee is supporting or opposing the entire ticket of any party, and, if so, the name of the ~~party;~~ party.

(6) ~~(c) if~~ If the report is for a principal campaign committee, a statement that the committee is a principal campaign committee and the name of the candidate, ~~if any;~~ and of all subsidiary committees for whom the principal campaign committee is reporting and the address of such committees, or if a committee has no address, the address of the committee chairman.

1 (3) Unless otherwise specifically provided, each report by a leadership
2 committee required by this Part shall contain the name of the elected official with
3 whom the leadership committee is affiliated.

4 B. Each report required to be in conformity with this Section shall contain
5 the following information:

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7 (4) Contributions received during the reporting period for which the report
8 is being completed shall be reported, and the same shall be reported irrespective of
9 the amount thereof except as otherwise provided, as follows:

10 (a) The full name and address of each person who has made one or more
11 contributions, except contributions in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-
12 off system, to and which have been received and accepted by the political committee
13 during the reporting period; the aggregate amount of such contributions, except
14 in-kind contributions, from each person, and the date and amount of each such
15 contribution; and a brief description of each in-kind contribution from each person,
16 the valuation thereof made by the chairman and the campaign treasurer, and the date
17 of the in-kind contribution.

18 (b) The full name and address of each person who has made one or more
19 contributions in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-off system in excess
20 of ~~five~~ twenty-five dollars in the aggregate in a calendar year to and which have been
21 received and accepted by the political committee during the reporting period, and the
22 date and amount of each contribution. In the case of a political committee that
23 supports multiple candidates or issues and receives over ten thousand contributions
24 in the form of a payroll deduction or dues check-off system when no single
25 contributor contributes in excess of ~~twenty-four~~ fifty dollars in the aggregate in a
26 calendar year, such committee may elect to report the names and addresses of its
27 contributors on an annual basis. Political committees making this election shall list
28 the names and addresses of its contributors, the total amount of the contributions
29 received per contributor, and the schedule of the receipt of such contributions on the

1 annual report due by February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth complete through the
2 preceding December thirty-first.

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4 (5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the ~~political~~ committee
5 during the reporting period from the sale of ~~items such as political campaign pins,~~
6 ~~buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and similar materials~~
7 paraphernalia. Purchases of ~~campaign items and materials~~ paraphernalia from the
8 committee which are made by the same person and are of such amount as to be
9 reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
10 Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase ~~campaign~~
11 ~~items or materials~~ paraphernalia which are not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars
12 must be reported only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be
13 reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

14 (b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the ~~political~~ committee
15 during the reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets
16 that are made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either
17 singly or in the aggregate, as required in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be
18 so reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in
19 excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars must be reported only in the report of gross
20 proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this
21 Subsection.

22 (6) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the ~~political~~ committee
23 during the reporting period from the sale of tickets to testimonials or similar
24 fundraising events. The proceeds of any such sale shall be considered a contribution,
25 and such contributions shall also be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) ^{of this} Subsection.

26 (7) The name and address of each ~~political~~ committee from which the
27 reporting ~~political~~ committee received and accepted any transfer of funds during the
28 reporting period, and the amount of each such transfer.

29 (8) Any other cash receipts, not contributions, received from any other
30 source not included above during the reporting period, for example, refunds of

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overpayments or excess contributions and the nature, source, and an explanation thereof.

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(10) The date and amount of each loan for campaign purposes made or received by the ~~political~~ committee to or from any person or ~~political~~ committee during the reporting period, together with the full name and address of the lender, of the recipient of the proceeds of the loan, and of any person who makes any type of security agreement binding himself or his property, directly or indirectly, for the repayment of all or any part of the loan.

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(13) The full name and address of each person to whom an expenditure has been made by the committee during the reporting period. The amount, a description of the purpose as it relates to the expenditure, the date of each expenditure, and for all committees other than leadership committees, the name and address of and office sought by candidates on whose behalf each such expenditure was made shall be reported. A brief description of an in-kind expenditure shall be given, as well as the valuation made by the chairman and the ~~campaign~~ treasurer and the date(s) of the expenditure. When multiple expenditures have been made to the same person during the reporting period, the aggregate amount of such expenditures, other than in-kind expenditures, and the aggregate valuation of in-kind expenditures shall be reported for each such person. The aggregate of all expenditures made during the reporting period, other than in-kind expenditures, and the aggregate valuation of all in-kind expenditures shall also be reported. The aggregate amount expended for each candidate shall also be reported.

(14) The amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by or to the ~~political~~ committee during the reporting period which relate to the conduct of any political campaign, including but not limited to loans required to be reported under Paragraph (10) of this Subsection.

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1 (18) The name and address of each ~~political~~ committee to which the
 2 reporting ~~political~~ committee made a transfer of funds, during the reporting period,
 3 and the date and amount of each such transfer.

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5 (22) The total amount of expenditures during the reporting period made in
 6 relation to the publication, distribution, transportation, or transmission of statements
 7 relative to candidates ~~or propositions~~ which do not fully disclose the name of the
 8 individual or the name of the association, organization, committee, or corporation
 9 and the full and correct name and address of its chairman or other chief
 10 administrative officer and whether or not such individual, association, organization,
 11 committee, or corporation supports or opposes such candidate ~~or proposition~~.

12 C.(1) Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency,
 13 or agent for a ~~political~~ committee shall be considered expenditures of the ~~political~~
 14 committee and must be reported as required by this Section. Each such firm, agency,
 15 or agent, which makes any expenditure for any ~~political~~ committee shall timely
 16 furnish to such ~~political~~ committee such information relative thereto as may be
 17 required for compliance with this Part.

18 (2) The committee may report expenditures made to a public relations firm,
 19 advertising agency, or agent as an expenditure made to the public relations firm,
 20 advertising agency, or agent if the expenditure is less than five thousand dollars.
 21 However, expenditures of five thousand dollars or more made to a public relations
 22 firm, advertising agency, or agent shall be reported as expenditures made to the
 23 payee.

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25 §1491.8. Small campaigns; affidavit in lieu of reports

26 Any ~~political~~ committee which did not receive a contribution in excess of ~~two~~
 27 five hundred dollars and which did not make expenditures totaling in excess of ~~five~~
 28 ten thousand dollars in the aggregate during the aggregating period, may file an
 29 affidavit setting out such facts, in lieu of any report required by R.S. 18:1491.6; but
 30 a separate affidavit shall be required in lieu of any such report.

1 §1491.9. Joint fundraising: joint fundraising representative or committee; authority,
 2 requirements, and prohibitions

3 A.(1) Committees may, pursuant to a written joint fundraising agreement,
 4 engage in joint fundraising efforts with other committees registered with the
 5 supervisory committee pursuant to this Chapter, committees registered with the
 6 Federal Election Commission, or with unregistered committees and organizations
 7 including any of the following:

8 (a) A principal campaign committee.

9 (b) A state party central committee, or committee designated thereby.

10 (c) A leadership committee.

11 (d) An independent expenditure-only committee.

12 (e) An organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 of
 13 the Internal Revenue Code.

14 (f) An entity that accepts contributions and makes expenditures for a
 15 gubernatorial transition and inauguration pursuant to R.S. 18:1501.3.

16 (2) For purposes of this Section, "participants" means all committees and
 17 organizations that enter into a joint fundraising agreement.

18 B.(1) Prior to engaging in joint fundraising activities, the participants shall
 19 execute a joint fundraising agreement. The agreement shall designate a joint
 20 fundraising representative as provided in Subsection C of this Section and establish
 21 an allocation formula as provided in Subsection E of this Section.

22 (2) The joint fundraising representative shall file the written agreement with
 23 the supervisory committee within ten days after the date that the agreement is
 24 executed. If a committee is designated as the joint fundraising representative, the
 25 committee chairman shall file the written joint fundraising agreement with the
 26 supervisory committee within ten days after the date that the agreement is executed
 27 or within ten days following the date that the committee's statement of organization
 28 is filed with the supervisory committee, whichever is later. A joint fundraising
 29 committee's statement of organization and written joint fundraising agreement may

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1 be filed electronically by facsimile or through the Board of Ethics Computerized
2 Data Management System as provided in R.S. 18:1485 and R.S. 42:1158.

3 (3) The joint fundraising representative shall retain the written joint
4 fundraising agreement for a period of at least six years following the last joint
5 fundraising effort conducted pursuant to the agreement.

6 C. The participants shall designate a joint fundraising representative pursuant
7 to one of the following:

8 (1) The participants may designate a person, including a professional
9 fundraising firm, accounting firm, or other agent, to serve as the joint fundraising
10 representative. In such case, each participant shall report the contributions received
11 through a joint fundraising effort as if the contributions were received directly by the
12 participant from the contributor and as if the participant's share of expenses of the
13 joint fundraising effort were made directly by the participant, to be reported as an
14 expenditure of the participant. Notwithstanding R.S. 18:1483⁽²⁴⁾~~(17)~~, a person shall not
15 be considered a political committee if acting solely as a financial agent to solicit and
16 receive contributions for participants, distribute contributions to participants, or
17 make expenditures on behalf of participants as provided in this Section.

18 (2) The participants may designate a political committee to serve as the joint
19 fundraising representative, referred to in this Section as a "joint fundraising
20 committee". A joint fundraising committee shall report all contributions made to the
21 joint fundraising effort as contributions to the joint fundraising committee and shall
22 report the distribution of proceeds pursuant to this Section as expenditures made to
23 the participants pursuant to R.S. 18:1491.6, 1491.6.1, and 1491.7. Each participant
24 shall report the amounts received from the joint fundraising committee as
25 contributions from each contributor. The joint fundraising committee chairman shall
26 be responsible for all duties of the joint fundraising representative provided for in
27 this Section. Within ten days following the execution of the joint fundraising
28 agreement, the joint fundraising committee shall file a statement of organization with
29 the supervisory committee as provided in R.S. 18:1491.1.

1 D.(1) The joint fundraising representative shall make expenditures and shall
2 collect contributions, pay fundraising costs from gross proceeds and from funds
3 advanced by participants, and disburse net proceeds to each participant as provided
4 in this Section.

5 (2) The joint fundraising representative shall be responsible for managing
6 all joint fundraising activities, including but not limited to the following:

7 (a) Recordkeeping and reporting as required by this Chapter or federal law.

8 (b) Collecting all contributions on behalf of the participants.

9 (c) Paying all costs of the joint fundraising effort incurred with gross
10 proceeds from the dedicated depository account or from funds contributed to the
11 dedicated depository account by the participants.

12 (d) Distributing net proceeds to each participant according to the allocation
13 formula or as otherwise provided in this Section.

14 E. The allocation formula adopted by the participants shall be stated in the
15 written agreement as the amount or percentage of each contribution received to be
16 allocated to each participant. If a participant participates solely for purposes of
17 receiving contributions to retire outstanding debts, the allocation formula shall
18 provide that if contributions allocated to the participant exceed the outstanding debts,
19 the allocation formula shall be adjusted.

20 F. The joint fundraising representative shall establish a dedicated depository
21 account to be used solely for the receipt of contributions received through the joint
22 fundraising effort, the payment of costs associated with the joint fundraising effort,
23 and distribution of contributions received to the participants. Only lawful
24 contributions and advanced funds shall be deposited into the dedicated depository
25 account.

26 G.(1) The fundraising representative shall collect and provide to participants
27 all contributor information required by R.S. 18:1491.7.

28 (2) Participants shall provide to the joint fundraising representative all
29 contributor information related to contributions received by the participant during
30 the contribution period.

1 (3) Prior to distributing any contributions received through the joint
2 fundraising effort, the joint fundraising representative and participants shall review
3 contributor records and determine whether any contributions violate the provisions
4 of this Chapter.

5 H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the amount of
6 funds advanced by each participant for fundraising costs shall be made in proportion
7 to the allocation formula.

8 (2) A participant may advance more than its proportionate share of the
9 fundraising costs, however, the amount advanced in excess of the participant's
10 proportionate share shall be considered a contribution made to the other participants
11 in accordance with the allocation formula, subject to the contribution limitations
12 provided in R.S. 18:1505.2.

13 I.(1) A person not otherwise prohibited by this Chapter from making
14 contributions to each participant may make a contribution to a joint fundraising
15 effort, subject to the contribution limits provided in R.S. 18:1505.2.

16 (2) The maximum contribution that may be received by the joint fundraising
17 representative from a contributor shall not exceed the contribution limitations set
18 forth in R.S. 18:1505.2 for each participant in the aggregate less any contributions
19 previously received by each respective participant from the specific contributor.

20 (3) Contributions may be designated by a contributor for a specific
21 participant or participants. The calculation of the maximum contribution limitation
22 for that specific contribution shall only include the maximum lawful amount for the
23 participant or participants from the particular contributor.

24 (4) For purposes of calculating the maximum contribution limitation, gross
25 proceeds shall be considered for the calculation of the amount of funds received by
26 each participant.

27 J. The joint fundraising representative shall deposit all contributions received
28 through the joint fundraising effort in the dedicated depository account. If one or
29 more participants may lawfully accept contributions that another participant may not
30 lawfully accept, the joint fundraising representative may either deposit such

1 contributions in a second depository account established for that purpose or may
2 forward such contributions directly to the appropriate participant or participants.

3 K.(1) The joint fundraising representative may distribute fundraising
4 proceeds to participants only after sufficient contributions are received and
5 correlating fundraising costs are paid.

6 (2) For reporting purposes, the date a contribution is deposited in the account
7 of the party responsible for reporting the contribution shall be deemed the date of
8 receipt of the contribution. For electronic transmission of a contribution, the date of
9 the completed transmission to the party responsible for reporting the contribution
10 shall be deemed the date of the receipt of the contribution.

11 (3) Participants shall report joint fundraising proceeds in accordance with
12 R.S. 18:1491.6, 1491.6.1, and 1491.7 in the reporting period in which they are
13 received by the participant. If any contributor's information is not known by the
14 close of the reporting period, the participant or participants shall report all available
15 information and amend the appropriate report once all contributor information is
16 known, but no later than fifteen days after the close of the reporting period.

17 L.(1) Reallocation of surplus funds shall be based upon the remaining
18 participants' proportionate shares under the allocation formula. However, if
19 reallocation would result in a violation of a contribution limit provided in R.S.
20 18:1505.2 or federal law, the joint fundraising representative shall return to the
21 contributor the amount of the contribution that exceeds the limit.

22 (2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, designated
23 contributions which exceed the contributor's limit to the designated participant may
24 not be reallocated by the fundraising representative without the prior written
25 permission of the contributor.

26 M.(1) Fundraising costs of a joint fundraising event shall be paid by the joint
27 fundraising representative from the gross proceeds of the event.

28 (2) The joint fundraising representative shall calculate each participant's
29 proportionate share of fundraising costs based on the allocation formula set forth in
30 the joint fundraising agreement. If any contributions are received from prohibited

1 sources and distributed only to participants that may lawfully accept such
2 contributions or contributions are designated for a certain participant or participants,
3 those funds shall not be included in gross proceeds for the purpose of allocating
4 expenses.

5 (3) The joint fundraising representative shall calculate each participant's
6 share of the proceeds by subtracting fundraising costs from the gross proceeds and
7 allocating the remaining amount in accordance with the allocation formula.

8 (4) The costs from a series of fundraising events or activities shall be
9 allocated among the participants of each individual event.

10 N. Any solicitation for contributions made pursuant to this Section shall
11 include a joint fundraising notice. The notice may be made accessible via a
12 hyperlink or QR code, provided the recipient shall take no more than one action to
13 view the disclaimer. The notice shall include the following information:

14 (1) The names of all the participants of the joint fundraising effort.

15 (2) The allocation formula adopted by the participants.

16 (3) A statement that, notwithstanding the allocation formula, a contributor
17 may designate a contribution for a particular participant or participants.

18 (4) A statement that contributions will be distributed in accordance with the
19 allocation formula unless the distribution would exceed the maximum contribution
20 that may be received by a participant, a participant is prohibited from accepting a
21 contribution from the contributor, or the contribution is designated for a particular
22 participant or participants.

23 (5) If one or more participants engage in a joint fundraising activity solely
24 to receive contributions to pay outstanding debts, a statement informing contributors
25 that the allocation formula may be adjusted if a participant receives sufficient
26 contributions to pay its outstanding debts.

27 (6) A statement that contributions will be distributed only to those
28 participants that may lawfully accept them.

O. The joint fundraising representative shall retain all records required by R.S. 18:1491.5 regarding disbursement of contributions for a period of at least six years following the date of the disbursement.

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§1495.2. Campaign treasurers; campaign depositories; expenditures; petty cash fund

A. The candidate shall be his own campaign treasurer, unless he appoints a campaign treasurer. ~~Candidates also may appoint one or more deputy campaign treasurers. The names and addresses of any name and address of the campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer so appointed shall be filed with the supervisory committee at the time of the first report following appointment. Changes in appointment shall be reported in the first report after such change.~~

B.(1) Any person may solicit contributions for or on behalf of a candidate; or sell ~~political paraphernalia, including such items as buttons, flags and literature;~~ or tickets to a testimonial or other ^{fundraising} ~~fund-raising~~ event, provided that all contribution(s) or proceeds are transmitted directly to the candidate or his designated treasurer ~~or a designated deputy treasurer~~ together with such information as may be required by this Chapter. No candidate or designated treasurer ~~or deputy treasurer~~ shall accept such funds without such information and they shall be responsible under the provisions of this Chapter for any errors and omissions in records or reports for such funds. Any contribution received by a candidate who has appointed a campaign treasurer shall be transferred to the campaign treasurer.

(2) When any person who is not the campaign treasurer ~~or a deputy treasurer~~ of a candidate makes any expenditure for the candidate, he shall transmit directly to the campaign treasurer ~~or a deputy treasurer~~ all information concerning the expenditure required by this Chapter. The candidate and his campaign treasurer, if any, shall be responsible under the provisions of this Chapter for any errors or omissions in the records or reports of such expenditures.

(3) For purposes of all reports required by this Chapter, all contributions received by or transferred to a campaign treasurer ~~or a deputy treasurer~~ of a candidate and all expenditures made by a campaign treasurer ~~or a deputy treasurer~~

1 of a candidate or by any other person on behalf of the candidate) shall be considered
 2 contributions or expenditures of the candidate.

3 ~~C. Deputy campaign treasurers of a candidate may exercise any of the~~
 4 ~~powers and duties of a campaign treasurer as set forth in this Chapter when~~
 5 ~~specifically authorized to do so by the campaign treasurer and the candidate.~~

6 ~~D:~~(1) The candidate shall designate one or more national or state banks or
 7 state or federally chartered savings and loan associations or savings banks, or state
 8 or federally chartered credit unions, as his campaign depositories and may invest in
 9 a money market mutual fund and designate such fund as a campaign depository. The
 10 candidate, and his campaign treasurer, ~~and any deputy treasurers~~ shall deposit any
 11 contributions received by them into an account or accounts maintained at such
 12 depository or depositories. No expenditure shall be made by any candidate,
 13 campaign treasurer, ~~deputy treasurer~~, or any other person on behalf of the candidate,
 14 except by check drawn on such account or accounts, except as specifically provided
 15 in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and Subsection ~~E~~ D of this Section. Each check
 16 drawn on any such account shall be made payable to a specific person, except a
 17 check made payable to petty cash. Each check drawn on such an account shall
 18 indicate the objects or services for which such check is drawn and such check shall
 19 be maintained as part of the records required by R.S. 18:1495.3. The name and
 20 address of each campaign depository so designated shall be filed with the
 21 supervisory committee in the first report after such designation. If any additional
 22 depositories are designated, they shall be reported in the first report following such
 23 designation.

24 (2) An expenditure may be made by the candidate, campaign treasurer,
 25 ~~deputy treasurer~~, or other authorized person on behalf of the candidate by electronic
 26 funds transfer provided that the transfer of funds is to a specific person and that
 27 records are maintained as to the objects or services for which such transfer of funds
 28 was made. Detailed records of each electronic fund transfer shall be maintained as
 29 part of the records required by R.S. 18:1495.3.

1 ~~literature, and similar material~~ paraphernalia which is for an amount not in excess
2 of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and the proceeds of which are received and deposited by
3 a candidate, no record need be kept by the campaign treasurer for such recipient
4 candidate, except the total amount received and deposited from such sale and the fact
5 that such amount was received from such sale.

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7 E. A record shall be kept of each loan made by the candidate to or from any
8 person or ~~political~~ committee, together with the full name and address of the lender,
9 of the recipient of the proceeds of the loan. and of any person who makes any type
10 of security agreement binding himself or his property, directly or indirectly, for the
11 repayment of all or any part of the loan. In addition, a record shall be kept of the
12 repayment of each such loan and of the source of funds expended for repayment.

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14 §1495.4. Reports required; reporting times and periods; extension

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16 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a
17 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day, and during
18 the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a general election and
19 extending through midnight of general election day, each candidate shall file a report
20 with the supervisory committee of:

21 (1)(a) The full name and address of each person from whom the candidate
22 has received and accepted a contribution or loan during such period in excess of the
23 following amounts: a candidate for any major office, ~~one~~ two thousand dollars; a
24 candidate for district office, ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars; a candidate for any
25 other office, ~~two hundred fifty~~ five hundred dollars.

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27 (2) Any expenditure in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred dollars made to a
28 candidate, committee, or person required to file reports by this Chapter, who makes
29 endorsements, including the full name and address of each person to whom such

1 expenditure is made, the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure, and
2 a brief description and valuation of an in-kind expenditure.

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4 D.(1) If the final report of a candidate for an election, as required by
5 Paragraph ~~(5)~~, ~~(6)~~, or ~~(7)~~ of ~~Subsection B~~ of this Section, shows a deficit or a surplus,
6 ~~(B)(5)~~ the candidate and his treasurer, if any, shall file supplemental reports with the
7 supervisory committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1495.5. Such reports
8 shall be filed annually no later than February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth and shall be
9 complete through the preceding December thirty-first. Such a supplemental report
10 shall be filed each year until a report has been filed which shows no deficit and until
11 any surplus campaign funds have been disposed of in accordance with R.S.
12 18:1505.2(I). The report on surplus funds shall disclose the disbursement of such
13 funds in the same manner as expenditures are reported.

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15 (3)(a) A report need not be filed under this Subsection if the candidate is not
16 an elected public official and shows either a deficit or a surplus of less than ~~two~~
17 ~~thousand five hundred~~ five thousand dollars. However, if the candidate is not an
18 elected public official and his deficit or surplus is equal to or greater than ~~two~~
19 ~~thousand five hundred~~ five thousand dollars, the candidate shall file supplemental
20 reports with the supervisory committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1495.5.
21 Such report shall be filed annually no later than February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth and
22 shall be complete through the preceding December thirty-first. Such report shall be
23 filed each year for five years or until a report has been filed which shows no deficit
24 or surplus.

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26 §1495.5. Reports; contents

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28 B. Each report required to be in conformity with this Section shall contain
29 the following information:

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(5)(a) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the reporting period from the sale of ~~items such as political campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and similar materials~~ paraphernalia. Purchases of such campaign ~~items and materials~~ paraphernalia which are made by the same person and which are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as required in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase campaign items or materials which are not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars must be reported only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

(b) The gross proceeds received and accepted by the candidate during the reporting period from the sale of raffle tickets. Purchases of raffle tickets that are made by the same person and are of such amount as to be reportable, either singly or in the aggregate, as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection, shall be so reported; however, single transactions to purchase raffle tickets which are not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars must be reported only in the report of gross proceeds and shall not be required to be reported as provided in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

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(9) The date and amount of each loan for campaign purposes made or received by the candidate to or from any person or ~~political~~ committee during the reporting period, together with the full name and address of the lender, of the recipient of the proceeds of the loan, and of any person who makes any type of security agreement binding himself or his property, directly or indirectly, for the repayment of all or any part of the loan.

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C.(1) Expenditures made by a public relations firm, an advertising agency, or agent for a candidate shall be considered expenditures of the candidate and must be reported as required by this Section. Each such firm, agency, or agent which

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1 makes any expenditure for any candidate shall timely furnish to such candidate such
2 information relative thereto as may be required for compliance with this Part.

3 (2) The candidate may report expenditures made to a public relations firm,
4 advertising agency, or agent as an expenditure made to the public relations firm,
5 advertising agency, or agent if the expenditure is less than five thousand dollars.
6 However, expenditures of five thousand dollars or more made to a public relations
7 firm, advertising agency, or agent shall be reported as expenditures made to the
8 payee.

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10 §1495.6. Small campaigns; affidavit in lieu of reports

11 Any candidate, for a major or district office required by this Chapter to file
12 reports of information as provided in R.S. 18:1495.5, who did not receive a
13 contribution in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred dollars and who did not make
14 expenditures totaling in excess of ~~five~~ ten thousand dollars in the aggregate during
15 the aggregating period, may file an affidavit setting out such facts in lieu of each
16 report required by R.S. 18:1495.4, but a separate affidavit shall be required in lieu
17 of each such report.

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19 §1501.1. Reports by persons not candidates or committees

20 A.(1) Any person, other than a candidate or a ~~political~~ committee, who
21 makes any expenditure ~~or who accepts a contribution, other than to or from a~~
22 ~~candidate or to or from a political committee,~~ for express advocacy supporting or
23 opposing the nomination or election of a person to public office, the recall of a public
24 official, or a proposition or question submitted to the voters, or for a communication
25 for which the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the presentation and
26 content is that it is intended to appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate or
27 for or against the recall of a specific elected official or a proposition or question
28 submitted to the voters shall file reports if ~~either said~~ such expenditures ~~or said~~
29 contributions exceed ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars in the aggregate during the
30 aggregating period as defined for committees.

1 (2)(a) Each person, other than a candidate or ~~political~~ committee, who makes
 2 an expenditure on behalf of a candidate, independent expenditure-only committee,
 3 political committee, or principal campaign committee for purposes of canvassing,
 4 irrespective of the amount expended, shall submit in writing to the respective
 5 candidate or ~~political~~ committee on whose behalf such expenditure was made the full
 6 name, and address and the last four digits of the social security number of each
 7 individual to whom such an expenditure was made.

8 (b) Each person, other than a candidate or committee, who makes an
 9 expenditure on behalf of a candidate, independent expenditure-only committee,
 10 political committee, or principal campaign committee for purposes of canvassing in
 11 an amount of at least six hundred dollars shall maintain for six years a written record
 12 of the last four digits of the social security number of each individual to whom such
 13 expenditure was made or submit in writing to the respective candidate or committee
 14 on whose behalf such expenditure was made the last four digits of the social security
 15 number of each individual to whom such expenditure was made.

16 B. Such reports shall be filed at the same time, shall contain the same
 17 information, and shall be certified correct in the same manner as reports required of
 18 ~~political~~ principal campaign committees by this Chapter. However, a person that is
 19 not a candidate or committee shall not be required to include in such reports
 20 information about contributions or contributors or identify contributors, unless a
 21 contributor has designated his contribution for any purpose provided for in
 22 Subparagraph (A)(1)(a) of this Section; in which case, such reports shall include the
 23 name and address of the contributor who made the designated contribution and the
 24 amount and date of the designated contribution.

25 C. In addition to the reports filed in Subsection B of this Section, during the
 26 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a primary election and
 27 extending through midnight of primary election day, and during the period beginning
 28 at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a general election and extending through
 29 midnight of general election day, any person, other than a candidate or a ~~political~~
 30 committee, who makes any expenditure or ~~who accepts a contribution~~ provided for

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1 in Subsection A of this Section, other than to ~~or from~~ a candidate or to ~~or from~~ a
2 political committee, shall file a report with the supervisory committee of:

3 (1) The full name and address of each person ~~from whom such person has~~
4 ~~received and accepted a contribution~~, or to whom such person has made an
5 expenditure during such period in excess of the following amounts: one thousand
6 dollars.

7 (a) ~~In support or opposition to a candidate for any major office, one thousand~~
8 ~~dollars.~~

9 (b) ~~In support or opposition to a candidate for district office, five hundred~~
10 ~~dollars.~~

11 (c) ~~In support or opposition to a candidate for any other office, five hundred~~
12 ~~dollars.~~

13 (2) Each report required by this Subsection shall be filed within forty-eight
14 hours after the time the ~~contribution is received~~ or expenditure is made. If such time
15 falls ~~other than during~~ outside of regular working office hours, the report shall be
16 filed as soon as possible after the opening of the office of the supervisory committee
17 on the next working day after the time at which the report is otherwise due.

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19 §1501.3. Gubernatorial transition and inauguration; contribution limits; reports

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21 C. On or before the sixtieth day after the gubernatorial inauguration and by
22 February ~~fifteenth~~ twenty-eighth annually thereafter until all contributions have been
23 expended or used, the governor shall file an all-inclusive report with the supervisory
24 committee. Each report shall be complete through January thirty-first. Each report
25 which shall state:

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27 G. No person who contracts, is employed, or volunteers for a gubernatorial
28 transition or inauguration shall be considered a public servant for purposes of the
29 Code of Governmental Ethics by reason of such contract, employment, or volunteer
30 service.

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1 §1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

2 A.(1) No person shall give, furnish, or contribute monies, materials, supplies,
3 or make loans to or in support of a candidate or to any ~~political~~ committee, through
4 or in the name of another, directly or indirectly. This prohibition shall not apply to
5 dues or membership fees of any membership organization or corporation made by
6 its members or stockholders, if such membership organization or corporation is not
7 organized primarily for the purpose of supporting, opposing, or otherwise
8 influencing the nomination for election, or election of any person to public office.

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10 B.(1) No candidate, ~~political or committee, or other person required to file~~
11 ~~reports under this Chapter~~ shall make any expenditure from funds the source of
12 which is anonymous, and any contribution received by a candidate, ~~political or~~
13 ~~committee, or other person required to file reports under this Chapter~~ from an
14 anonymous source and deposited shall be reported as provided in R.S.
15 18:1491.7(B)(19) and ~~R.S. 18:1495.5(B)(18)~~ and shall escheat to the state and shall
16 be paid over to the state by such candidate, ~~political or committee, or other such~~
17 person.

18 (2) Any single transaction involving the sale of ~~items such as political~~
19 ~~campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners, literature, and similar~~
20 ~~materials~~ paraphernalia, which transaction is for not in excess of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty
21 dollars and in which transaction the purchaser is not known, shall not be deemed to
22 constitute an anonymous contribution under the provisions of this Subsection.

23 C.(1) No person shall make a cash contribution to a candidate or a committee
24 and no candidate or committee shall receive cash contributions in excess of ~~one~~ two
25 hundred dollars during any calendar year. Any contribution in excess of such ~~one~~
26 two hundred dollar aggregate amount, other than an in-kind contribution, shall be
27 made by an instrument containing the name of the ~~donor~~ contributor and the name
28 of the payee.

29 (2) Upon receipt of a cash contribution of ~~one~~ two hundred dollars or less,
30 the candidate or committee receiving the contribution shall provide to the contributor

1 a receipt for the exact amount of the contribution; such receipt shall contain the name
 2 and address of the contributor, shall be signed by the contributor, and the candidate
 3 or committee receiving the contribution shall retain a copy of the receipt. If the
 4 contributor refuses to furnish his name or address or refuses to sign the receipt, the
 5 contribution shall be immediately returned to said contributor. If the contributor is
 6 unable to write, he shall affix his mark to the receipt, and the person receiving the
 7 contribution shall affix the name of the incapacitated person to the receipt, provided
 8 he does so in the presence of a witness who shall also sign his name as witness to the
 9 mark. The copy of the receipt retained by the candidate or committee provided for
 10 in this Subsection shall be available to the supervisory committee for inspection.
 11 The supervisory committee shall promulgate rules and regulations relative to the
 12 receipt required by this Subsection.

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17 (b)(i) No organization shall directly or indirectly have as a condition of
 18 membership or participation the requirement that a person make a contribution to
 19 such organization which will be used by such organization for the purpose of
 20 supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or election of any
 21 person to public office, for the purpose of supporting or opposing a proposition or
 22 question submitted to the voters, or for the purpose of supporting or opposing the
 23 recall of a public officer.

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25 (c) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "organization" shall mean a
 26 partnership, association, labor union, ~~political committee~~, corporation, or other legal
 27 entity, including its subsidiaries. For purposes of this Paragraph, "organization" does
 28 not include a political committee or independent expenditure-only committee.

1 (4) No ~~political~~ committee, candidate, or other person shall knowingly and
2 willfully make a contribution or expenditure using funds which were obtained
3 through practices prohibited in this Subsection.

4 (5) Any contribution received by a candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other
5 person required to file reports under this Chapter which was obtained through
6 practices prohibited in this Subsection shall be reported as provided in R.S.
7 18:1491.7(B)(21) and 1495.5(B)(20) and shall escheat to the state and shall be paid
8 over to the state by such candidate, ~~political~~ committee, or other such person.

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10 F. No profit or nonprofit corporation, labor organization, or trade, business,
11 or professional association shall make any ~~campaign~~ contribution or expenditure
12 unless specifically authorized to do so whether: by the vote of the board of directors
13 of the corporation, of the executive board of the labor organization or of the trade,
14 business, or professional association at a regular or special meeting thereof; by the
15 president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer of a corporation or labor
16 organization whom the board has specifically empowered to authorize such
17 contributions or expenditures, or, for a corporation, by any other person designated
18 by resolution of the board of directors of a corporation to authorize contributions or
19 expenditures; or by a vote of the membership of the labor organization. No profit or
20 nonprofit corporation, labor organization or trade, business, or professional
21 association shall make any contribution or expenditure, other than an in-kind
22 contribution or expenditure, except by check.

23 G. No committee shall receive contributions or loans or make expenditures
24 or loans, or make or receive a transfer of funds to or from another committee in the
25 aggregate in excess of five hundred one thousand dollars during a calendar year until
26 it has filed the annual statement of organization required by R.S. 18:1491.1. The
27 chairman and the treasurer of any committee which violates the provisions of this
28 Subsection shall be subject to the penalties provided in this Part. No candidate shall
29 make a contribution to any committee required to file an annual statement of

1 organization by the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.1 which has not filed such a
2 statement.

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5 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to contributions made
6 to a candidate or the principal campaign committee or any subsidiary committee of
7 a candidate by a recognized political party or ~~any committee thereof~~ a committee
8 designated to receive such contributions on behalf of the state central committee of
9 the political party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise.

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11 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
12 the following contribution limits are established for contributions by political
13 committees or leadership committees supporting or opposing a candidate for the
14 following offices:

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16 (b)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and
17 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the following campaign contribution limits are
18 established for contributions by political committees supporting or opposing a
19 candidate for the following offices, the membership of which political committee
20 exceeds two hundred fifty members as of the December thirty-first of the preceding
21 calendar year, and additionally, provided that at least two hundred fifty of the
22 members have each contributed at least ~~one hundred~~ fifty dollars to the political
23 committee during the preceding one-year period:

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25 (c) If the contribution is made to a leadership committee, political
26 committee, or independent expenditure-only committee which is supporting or
27 opposing candidates for different offices, the highest applicable limit shall apply.

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29 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this
30 Paragraph, the contribution limit for contributions by a political committee,

1 leadership committee, or a principal campaign committee to a recognized political
2 party or any committee thereof designated to receive such contributions on behalf
3 of the state central committee of the political party by joint fundraising agreement
4 or otherwise shall be as provided in Subsection K of this Section.

5 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this
6 Paragraph, the contribution limit for contributions by any committee to a leadership
7 committee shall be twenty-five thousand dollars per calendar year.

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10 (iii) For purposes of this Subsection, for candidates, principal campaign
11 committees, independent expenditure-only committees, and political committees that
12 participate in a general election, the reporting period for the general election shall be
13 deemed to begin the day following the primary election.

14 (iv) For purposes of this Subsection, if a judgment orders only a new general
15 election, for candidates, principal campaign committees, independent expenditure-
16 only committees, and political committees that participate in the court-ordered
17 general election, the reporting period shall be deemed to begin the day following the
18 rendering of the judgment.

19 (v) For purposes of this Subsection, for candidates, principal campaign
20 committees, independent expenditure-only committees, and political committees that
21 participate in an election held pursuant to R.S. 18:512, the reporting period for that
22 election shall be deemed to begin the day following the general election.

23 (vi) A candidate or his principal campaign committee or subsidiary
24 campaign committee thereof may receive contributions that are designated in
25 writing; or made in accordance with a properly noticed joint fundraising agreement
26 for use in connection with either the general election or primary election in a single
27 election cycle as provided in R.S. 18:1505.2.1.

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29 (b) No person shall make a loan, transfer of funds, or contribution, including
30 but not limited to funds for any purchase of campaign materials for more than

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1 shall not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any personal use unrelated
2 to a political campaign, the holding of a public office or party position, or, in the case
3 of a political committee, other than a candidate's principal campaign committee or
4 subsidiary committee, the administrative costs or operating expenses of the political
5 committee, except that excess campaign funds may be returned to contributors on
6 a pro rata basis, given as a charitable contribution as provided in 26 USC 170(c);
7 given to a charitable organization as defined in 26 USC 501(c)(3), expended in
8 support of or in opposition to a proposition, political party, or candidacy of any
9 person, or maintained in a segregated fund for use in future political campaigns or
10 activity related to preparing for future candidacy to elective office. However, the use
11 of campaign funds of a candidate or his principal or subsidiary committees to
12 reimburse a candidate for expenses related to his political campaign or his holding
13 of a public office or party position shall not be considered personal use by the
14 candidate. If a candidate is required by state or federal law to pay taxes on the
15 interest earned by campaign funds of the candidate or any political committee of the
16 candidate, the candidate may use the interest on which such tax is paid for such
17 purpose. A payment from campaign funds shall not be considered as having been
18 spent for personal use when the funds are used to replace articles lost, stolen, or
19 damaged in connection with the campaign: Contributions received by a candidate
20 or committee may be expended for any lawful purpose related to any of the
21 following:

- 22 (i) Supporting or opposing a proposition or question submitted to the voters.
23 (ii) Supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer.
24 (iii) Contributions to a gubernatorial transition and inauguration.
25 (iv) Contributions to an independent expenditure-only committee.
26 (v) Donations to an organization exempt from federal income tax under
27 Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
28 (vi) Lobbying.
29 (vii) Social and issue advocacy.

1 (viii) The administrative costs or operating expenses of the committee
2 making the expenditure, including costs and expense related to legal services and
3 costs, accounting services, and fundraising.

4 (b)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
5 of this Paragraph, contributions received by a candidate or a candidate's principal
6 campaign committee, or any subsidiary committee thereof, may also be expended for
7 any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

8 (aa) Supporting or nominating the candidate for election to a public office.

9 (bb) Supporting or opposing or otherwise influencing the nomination or
10 election of a person to public office.

11 (cc) Contributions to another candidate's principal campaign committee, to
12 a political committee, or to a leadership committee.

13 (dd) The holding of public office or party position.

14 (ee) The payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed for a violation of this
15 Chapter.

16 (ii) Contributions received by a candidate or candidate's principal campaign
17 committee, or any subsidiary committee thereof, may not be used, loaned, or pledged
18 by any person for any personal use of the candidate or a member of his immediate
19 family.

20 (iii) Excess campaign contributions received by a candidate or a candidate's
21 principal campaign committee and not expended during a party primary, primary, or
22 general election may be maintained in a segregated fund or a fund of the candidate's
23 principal campaign committee for use in future political campaigns, activity related
24 to preparing for future candidacy to elective office, or for any lawful purpose
25 provided for in this Subparagraph and Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any
26 excess campaign contributions received from a contributor deposited in a segregated
27 fund shall be considered a contribution from the contributor for the candidate's next
28 campaign.

1 (c)(i) Contributions received by a leadership committee shall not be used,
2 loaned, or pledged by any person for any personal use unrelated to any of the
3 following:

4 (aa) Holding of the elected official's public office or party position.

5 (bb) Contributions to another candidate or another candidate's principal
6 campaign committee, or any subsidiary committee thereof.

7 (cc) Contributions to another elected official's leadership committee.

8 (dd) The payment of fines, fees, or penalties assessed for a violation of this
9 Chapter.

10 (ii) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, contributions
11 received by a leadership committee may not be used, loaned, or pledged by any
12 person for any personal use of the elected official or a member of his immediate
13 family or for making expenditures in support of the elected official's campaign, to
14 oppose the recall of the elected official, or to oppose an opponent of the elected
15 official.

16 (iii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, use of funds by a leadership
17 committee to replace articles lost, stolen, or damaged in connection with the
18 operations of the leadership committee or the holding of public office or party
19 position by the public officer shall not be considered personal use.

20 (d)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
21 of this Paragraph, contributions received by a political committee may be expended
22 for any lawful purpose, including any lawful purpose related to any of the following:

23 (aa) Supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or
24 election of any person to public office.

25 (bb) Contributions to any candidate's principal campaign committee, any
26 other political committee, or any leadership committee.

27 (ii) Contributions received by a political committee may not be used for the
28 personal use of any candidate or elected official, or his immediate family, or for
29 coordinated expenditures with a candidate or candidate's principal campaign
30 committee.

1 (e)(i) In addition to the permitted expenditures provided in Subparagraph (a)
 2 of this Paragraph, contributions received by an independent expenditure-only
 3 committee may be expended for any lawful purpose, including any lawful purpose
 4 related to any of the following:

5 (aa) Supporting, opposing, or otherwise influencing the nomination or
 6 election of any person to public office.

7 (bb) Contributions to any leadership committee.

8 (ii) Contributions received by an independent expenditure-only committee
 9 may not be used, loaned, or pledged by any person for any of the following:

10 (aa) The personal use of any candidate or elected official, or a member of his
 11 immediate family.

12 (bb) Contributions to any candidate or a candidate's principal campaign
 13 committee, or a subsidiary committee thereof.

14 (cc) Coordinated expenditures with any candidate or candidate's principal
 15 campaign committee.

16 ~~(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to campaign funds~~
 17 ~~received prior to July 15, 1988.~~ (a) The following expenditures shall not be
 18 considered to be personal use by the candidate or his principal campaign committee
 19 or a subsidiary committee thereof, or by an elected official or his leadership
 20 committee:

21 (i) Expenses related to the attendance at political or professional events by
 22 the candidate and any accompanying spouse and children, including:

23 (aa) Events related to the Mardi Gras celebration held in Washington, D.C.

24 (bb) Political party conventions, caucuses, and conferences.

25 (cc) Conventions and conferences of professional associations for
 26 officeholders or governmental officials.

27 (dd) Conventions and conferences of issue or social advocacy groups.

28 (ii) Reasonable costs of security measures for a candidate, elected official,
 29 member of their family, or campaign employees, including ^gbut not limited to:

Nonstructural

(aa) Non-structural security devices, such as security hardware, locks, alarm systems, motion detectors, and security camera systems.

(bb) Structural security devices, such as wiring, lighting, gates, doors, and fencing, so long as such devices are intended solely to provide security and not to improve property or increase its value.

(cc) Security personnel and services that are bona fide, legitimate, and professional.

(dd) Cybersecurity software, devices, and services.

(iii) If a candidate or committee is required by state or federal law to pay taxes on the interest earned by campaign funds of the candidate or the funds of any committee, the use of the interest by the candidate or committee on which such tax is paid to pay such taxes.

(iv) Any interest payments made to a candidate from campaign funds of such candidate or any principal campaign committee or leadership committee of such candidate on loans made by the candidate to his campaign, his principal campaign committee, or his leadership committee, to the extent that the interest charged on such loans does not exceed the judicial interest rate at the time the loan was made.

(v) Reasonable costs to replace articles lost, stolen, or damaged in connection with the campaign.

(vi) Reimbursement by the candidate or his principal or subsidiary committee paid to the candidate for expenses related to his political campaign or his holding of a public office or party position.

(b) The following expenditures shall be presumed to be made for the personal use of the candidate or his principal campaign committee or a subsidiary committee thereof or an elected official or his leadership committee and shall be prohibited unless the candidate, elected official, or committee overcomes the presumption by showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the expenditure was not for personal use:

(i) Expenditures for household food items or supplies.

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(b) This Paragraph shall not prohibit a payment or expenditure to a business in which an immediate family member has any ownership interest, provided that all of the following apply:

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(ii) The payment or expenditure is made solely for ~~campaign~~ purposes provided for in Subparagraphs (1)(a) through (c) of this Subsection.

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(c) This Paragraph shall not prohibit a candidate nor the principal or any subsidiary political committee of a candidate, nor any elected official or the leadership committee of an elected official, from using a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds received by such candidate, elected official, or committee to make a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to any immediate family member who is a candidate or elected official or to any principal or subsidiary political committee or leadership committee of such family member who is a candidate or elected official.

(d) For purposes of this Paragraph, "immediate family member" shall mean the candidate's or elected official's children, the spouses of his children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse.

(e) Any candidate or elected official who violates the provisions of this Paragraph or whose principal campaign committee, or subsidiary committee, or leadership committee violates the provisions of this Paragraph shall be subject to the penalties provided in Subsection J of this Section, and the supervisory committee shall enforce the provisions of this Paragraph as provided in Subsection J of this Section and as otherwise provided in this Chapter.

(6) No candidate, political committee, principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee thereof, or leadership committee ~~or other person required to file reports pursuant to this Chapter~~ shall use a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds received by such candidate, or committee, or person to purchase immovable property or a motor vehicle. For purposes of this Paragraph, "motor vehicle" shall

1 have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 32:781, except that "motor vehicle" shall
2 not include a "trailer" as that term is defined in R.S. 32:1252.

3 (7) Contributions made in excess of the limits provided in this Section to a
4 candidate, principal campaign committee, political committee, or leadership
5 committee shall be returned by the candidate, ~~political committee, or other person~~
6 ~~required to file reports under this Chapter~~ or committee to the contributor by check
7 drawn on the campaign account. If the check is not negotiated within ~~six~~ twelve
8 months of the date of the check, the excess amount shall be presumed abandoned and
9 shall be paid, transferred, or caused to be paid or transferred in accordance with the
10 Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 by the candidate, ~~political committee, or~~
11 ~~other person required to file reports under this Chapter~~ or committee not later than
12 February twenty-eighth of the calendar year after the calendar year in which the
13 excess amount was presumed abandoned.

14 (8) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to campaign funds
15 received prior to July 15, 1988.

16 J.(1) Any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee who
17 violates any provision of Subsection H or I of this Section shall be assessed a penalty
18 of not more than five thousand dollars or the amount of the violation, whichever is
19 greater, except that the penalty for a knowing and willful violation shall not be more
20 than ten thousand dollars or two hundred percent of the violation, whichever is
21 greater. "Knowing and willful", for purposes of this Subsection, means conduct
22 which could have been avoided through the exercise of due diligence. The civil
23 penalties provided for in R.S. 18:1505.5 shall be inapplicable to violations of
24 Subsection H or I. ^{of this Section} Enforcement of Subsections H and I shall be in the same manner
25 provided for in Part VI of this Chapter.

26 (2) The supervisory committee shall institute civil proceedings to collect the
27 civil penalties provided for in this Subsection as soon as the supervisory committee
28 determines, as a result of its review and investigation of any sworn complaint or
29 other document or information received by the supervisory committee, that a
30 violation of Subsection H or I of this Section has occurred. If the supervisory

1 committee makes a determination of such violation at least ten days prior to the
2 election in which the candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a political committee in
3 apparent violation is participating, the supervisory committee shall institute such
4 civil proceedings at least by the fourth calendar day prior to the election.

5 K.(1) No person shall contribute more than one hundred thousand dollars per
6 calendar year to any leadership committee or any political committee or any
7 subsidiary committee of such political committee, ~~other than the principal or any~~
8 ~~subsidiary committee of a candidate.~~ Such limitation on a contribution shall not
9 apply to any contribution from a national political party committee to an affiliated
10 regional or state political committee designated to received such contributions on
11 behalf of the state central committee of a political party by joint fundraising
12 agreement or otherwise. However, during any four-year calendar period
13 commencing January 1, 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, no leadership
14 committee or political committee or subsidiary of such political committee, ~~other~~
15 ~~than the principal or any subsidiary committee of a candidate,~~ shall accept more than
16 two hundred fifty thousand dollars from any person.

17 (2) No person shall contribute more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
18 per calendar year to a recognized political party or any committee thereof designated
19 to receive such contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political
20 party by joint fundraising agreement or otherwise. However, during any four-year
21 calendar period commencing January 1, 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, no
22 recognized political party or any committee thereof designated to receive such
23 contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political party by joint
24 fundraising agreement or otherwise shall accept more than four hundred thousand
25 dollars from any person.

26 (3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to contributions made
27 by a recognized political party or any committee thereof designated to make such
28 contributions on behalf of the state central committee of the political party by joint
29 fundraising agreement or otherwise.

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(2) No person to whom this Subsection is applicable as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall make a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, including but not limited to any in-kind contribution, as defined in this Chapter, to any candidate, any political principal campaign committee of any such candidate, or any subsidiary committee thereof, any leadership committee, or to any other political committee which supports or opposes any candidate. This Section shall not prohibit contributions made to any account of a political committee affiliated with a recognized political party organized under the laws of another jurisdiction, where the account is segregated and no funds from such segregated account are used to support or oppose any candidate in this state or any political committee of any candidate in this state, provided that any person to whom this Section applies shall expressly request, prior to making a contribution, that such political committee shall not use such funds to support or oppose any candidate or any political committee of any candidate in Louisiana.

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(4) This Subsection shall not prohibit an expenditure by a candidate for his own campaign or a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by a candidate to his own political principal campaign committee or by an elected official to his own leadership committee.

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M.(1) No foreign national shall, directly or through any other person, make or promise to make, expressly or impliedly, any contribution of money or other thing of value, ~~or promise expressly or impliedly, any such contribution,~~ as follows:

(a) in In connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office;

(b) In connection with a proposition or question submitted to the voters.

(c) In connection with the recall of a public officer.

1 (d) To any committee.

2 (e) To a gubernatorial transition or inauguration.

3 ~~(2) nor shall any~~ No person shall solicit, accept, or receive any such
4 contribution provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection from such foreign
5 national.

6 ~~(2)~~ (3) As used in this Subsection, "foreign national" means:

7 (a) A foreign principal such as a government of a foreign country or a
8 foreign political party, except that "foreign national" shall not mean any individual
9 except an individual described in Subparagraphs (c), (d), or (e) of this Paragraph.

10 (b) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other
11 combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of
12 business in a foreign country, unless authorized and qualified to do business in
13 Louisiana.

14 (c) An individual who meets any of the following:

15 (i) ~~who~~ Who is not a citizen of the United States and who is not lawfully
16 admitted for permanent residence and accorded the privilege of residing permanently
17 in the United States as an immigrant.

18 (ii) Who is a citizen of a foreign government identified as a foreign
19 adversary in 15 CFR §7.4.

20 (iii) Who is a citizen of a foreign government designated a state sponsor of
21 terrorism under Section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act.

22 (d) Any foreign non-government person, including an individual, identified
23 as a foreign adversary in 15 CFR §7.4.

24 (e) Any foreign terrorist organization as designated by the United States
25 secretary of state in accordance with Section 219 of the United States Immigration
26 and Nationality Act, Section 40 of the United States Arms Export Control Act, or
27 Section 620(A) of the United States Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

28 (f) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other entity
29 organized under the laws of a foreign government identified as a foreign adversary
30 in 15 CFR §7.4 or Section 6(i) of the Export Administration Act, or organized under

1 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country designated
 2 pursuant to Section 620(A) of the United States Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

3 (4) No organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 of the
 4 Internal Revenue Code, which having received more than one hundred thousand
 5 dollars in contributions from a foreign national in the current or prior calendar year,
 6 or having received more than twenty percent of its total contributions from a foreign
 7 national in the current or prior year, shall, directly or through any other person, make
 8 or promise to make, expressly or impliedly, any contribution of money or other thing
 9 of value specified for a contribution to any committee or specified for any
 10 expenditure as follows, nor shall make any expenditure as follows:

11 (a) In connection with an election to any political office or in connection with
 12 any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political
 13 office.

14 (b) In connection with a proposition or question submitted to the voters.

15 (c) In connection with the recall of a public officer.

16 ~~(3)~~(5)(a) Any person who makes a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds
 17 in violation of this Subsection shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S.
 18 18:1505.5 and ~~R.S. 18:1505.6.~~
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19 (b) If a candidate, committee, or person required to file reports is notified by
 20 the supervisory committee that a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to such
 21 candidate, committee, or person was made in violation of this Subsection, such
 22 contribution, loan, or transfer of funds shall escheat to the state. Any such
 23 contribution, loan, or transfer of funds, or an amount equal thereto, shall be paid over
 24 to the state by the recipient candidate, committee, or other person required to file
 25 reports within ten business days after the recipient candidate, committee, or person
 26 required to file reports is notified by the supervisory committee that the contribution,
 27 loan, or transfer of funds was made by a person prohibited by this Subsection from
 28 making such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds.

29 O.(1) A fine, fee, or penalty assessed for a violation of this Chapter shall be
 30 paid only by the person against whom the fine, fee, or penalty was assessed. All

1 such fines, fees, or penalties may be paid only with the personal funds of such person
 2 or with contributions made to the candidate, the candidate's principal campaign
 3 committee, or an elected official's leadership committee in accordance with
 4 Subsection I of this Section; however, the supervisory committee may prohibit a
 5 candidate or elected official from using contributions received by, or other campaign
 6 funds of, such candidate or elected official or the principal or a subsidiary campaign
 7 committee or leadership committee of such candidate or elected official to pay a fine,
 8 fee, or penalty, assessed for a violation of this Chapter upon a finding that the
 9 violation was intentional or egregious.

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11 P. No funds contributed which are subject to the Federal Election Campaign
 12 Act of 1971, as amended, to or for a person who seeks election to an office subject
 13 to the provisions of said Act shall be transferred, loaned, or contributed by a
 14 candidate, his agent, or his federal campaign committee to the candidate, any
 15 political principal campaign committee of such candidate, or to any other political
 16 committee which supports the election of the candidate; nor shall the candidate, his
 17 federal campaign committee, or his agent use such funds to otherwise support his
 18 candidacy.

19 Q.(1) No legislator or any his principal campaign committee or subsidiary
 20 committee ~~of a legislator~~ thereof shall accept or deposit a contribution, loan, or
 21 transfer of funds or accept and use any in-kind contribution, as defined in this
 22 Chapter, for his own campaign during a regular legislative session.

23 (2) If a legislator or any his principal campaign committee or subsidiary
 24 committee ~~of a legislator~~ receives thereof accepts or deposits a contribution, loan,
 25 or transfer of funds during a regular legislative session in violation of this
 26 Subsection, the legislator shall return such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to
 27 the contributor within ten days after the receipt acceptance or deposit of such
 28 contribution, loan, or transfer of funds. Any contribution, loan, or transfer of funds
 29 so returned shall not be deemed to be accepted or deposited.

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(3)(a)(i) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit an expenditure by a legislator for his own campaign or a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by a legislator to his own ~~political~~ principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee thereof or leadership committee.

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(2) If the governor or any his principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee ~~of the governor receives~~ thereof accepts or deposits a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds in violation of this Subsection, the governor shall return such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds to the contributor within ten days after the receipt acceptance or deposit of such contribution, loan, or transfer of funds. Any contribution, loan, or transfer of funds so returned shall not be deemed to be accepted or deposited.

(3)(a)(i) The provisions of this Subsection shall not prohibit an expenditure by the governor for his own campaign or a contribution, loan, or transfer of funds by the governor to his own ~~political~~ principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee thereof.

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§1505.3. Subterfuge to avoid compliance with Chapter

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B. As more specifically provided in R.S. 18:1491.2(B) no ~~political~~ committee shall dissolve and reorganize under a modified name, charter, or organizational structure as a subterfuge to avoid the reporting and other requirements of this Chapter. The chairman of any committee (s) which violates the provisions of R.S. 18:1491.2(B) ~~said Subsection B~~ shall be subject to the penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.4, ~~R.S. 18:1505.5, and R.S. 18:1505.6~~ 1505.5, and 1505.6.

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D.(1)(a) No public relations firm, advertising agency, media buyer, or other person who purchases media advertising time or space shall accept payment for placing any advertisement which purports to be paid for by a particular candidate or ~~political~~ committee from any source other than such candidate or ~~political~~ committee.

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(2)(a)(i) No person shall pay for an advertisement which purports to be paid for by a particular candidate or ~~political~~ committee without the consent of such candidate or ~~political~~ committee.

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(b) If a publisher or broadcaster of an advertisement which purports to be paid for by a particular candidate or ~~political~~ committee accepts payment for such an advertisement from any source other than such candidate or ~~political~~ committee, the publisher or broadcaster shall require, prior to publishing or broadcasting the advertisement, that the person making the payment provide a written statement containing the following:

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(ii) A statement that the advertisement is being run with the knowledge and consent of the candidate or ~~political~~ committee which the advertisement purports has paid for the advertisement.

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§1505.4. Civil penalties; failure to file; timely and accurate filing; forfeiture

A.(1) Any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, or any other person required to file any reports under this Chapter, who knowingly fails to file or who knowingly fails to timely file any such reports as are required by this Chapter may be assessed a civil penalty as provided in R.S. 18:1511.4.1 for each day until such report is filed.

(2)(a) The amount of such penalty may be:

(i) One hundred dollars per day, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars, for each candidate for major office and any treasurer or chairman of any

1 ~~political~~ committee designated as a principal campaign committee or subsidiary
2 committee of such a candidate.

3 (ii) Sixty dollars per day, not to exceed one thousand dollars, for any
4 candidate for district office and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee
5 designated as a principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a
6 candidate.

7 (iii) Forty dollars per day, not to exceed five hundred dollars, for any
8 candidate for all other offices and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~
9 committee designated as a principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee
10 of such a candidate.

11 (iv) Forty dollars per day, not to exceed one thousand dollars, for any person
12 or the treasurer or chairman of any political committee or independent expenditure-
13 only committee, not supporting or opposing a candidate, but only supporting or
14 opposing any proposition or question submitted to the voters or any the recall of a
15 public officer.

16 (v) Two hundred dollars per day, not to exceed three thousand dollars, for
17 the treasurer or chairman of any political committee or independent expenditure-only
18 committee supporting or opposing a candidate, other than a candidate's principal or
19 subsidiary campaign committee.

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21 (3)(a) If a person, other than a political committee or independent
22 expenditure-only committee, required to file is supporting or opposing a candidate
23 or candidates, the penalty applicable to such candidate or candidates as provided in
24 (2)(a)(i), (ii), or (iii) Item ~~(i), (ii), or (iii)~~ of Subparagraph ~~(2)(a)~~ of this Subsection shall apply.

25 (b) If a person, other than a political committee or independent expenditure-
26 only committee, required to file is supporting or opposing candidates with different
27 penalty levels, the penalty shall be the highest penalty for any such candidate.

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29 B. Any candidate, the treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee, or
30 any other person required to file reports under this Chapter who knowingly and

1 willfully fails to disclose, or knowingly and willfully fails to accurately disclose, any
 2 information required by this Chapter to be disclosed in the reports required herein
 3 by this Chapter, may be assessed a civil penalty for each day until such information
 4 is disclosed by amendment to the appropriate report of such candidate, ~~political~~
 5 committee, or other person. "Knowingly and willfully", for purposes of this
 6 Subsection, means conduct which could have been avoided through the exercise of
 7 due diligence. Such penalties shall be as provided in Subsection A ~~above~~ ^{of this Section}.

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9 §1505.5. Civil penalties; violations of Chapter

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11 B. The amount of such penalty shall be:

12 (1) Not in excess of five hundred dollars for each candidate for a major
 13 office and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee designated as a
 14 principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a candidate.

15 (2) Not in excess of three hundred dollars for any candidate for district office
 16 and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee designated as a principal
 17 campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a candidate.

18 (3) Not in excess of one hundred dollars for any candidate for all other
 19 offices and any treasurer or chairman of any ~~political~~ committee designated as a
 20 principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee of such a candidate.

21 (4) Not in excess of one hundred dollars for any person or any treasurer or
 22 chairman of any ~~political~~ committee, not supporting or opposing a candidate, but
 23 only supporting or opposing any proposition or question submitted to the voters or
 24 any the recall of a public officer.

25 (5) Not in excess of one thousand dollars for the treasurer or chairman of any
 26 ~~political~~ committee supporting or opposing a candidate, other than a candidate's
 27 principal or subsidiary campaign committee.

28 C.(1)(a) If a person, other than a political committee or independent
 29 expenditure-only committee, required to file is supporting or opposing a candidate

1 or candidates, the penalty applicable to such candidate or candidates as provided in
2 ~~Paragraph (1), (2), or (3)~~ ^{(B)(1), (2), or (3)} of ~~Subsection B~~ of this Section shall apply.

3 (b) If a person, other than a ~~political~~ committee, required to file is supporting
4 or opposing candidates with different penalty levels, the penalty shall be the highest
5 penalty for any such candidates.

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7 §1505.6. Criminal penalties

8 A.(1) It shall be unlawful for any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a
9 ~~political~~ committee, or any other person required to file reports under this Part to
10 knowingly, ~~wilfully~~ willfully, and fraudulently fail to file or knowingly, ~~wilfully~~
11 willfully, and fraudulently fail to timely file any such report.

12 (2) Any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, or any
13 other person required to file reports under this Chapter who knowingly, ~~wilfully~~
14 willfully, and fraudulently fails to file such report or knowingly, ~~wilfully~~ willfully,
15 and fraudulently fails to file such report timely shall, upon conviction, be sentenced
16 to not more than six months in a parish jail or to pay a fine of not more than five
17 hundred dollars, or both.

18 B.(1) It shall be unlawful for any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a
19 ~~political~~ committee, or any other person required to file reports under the Chapter
20 knowingly, ~~wilfully~~ willfully, and fraudulently to fail to disclose, or knowingly,
21 ~~wilfully~~ willfully, and fraudulently to disclose inaccurately, any information required
22 to be disclosed in the reports required by this Chapter.

23 (2) Any candidate, treasurer, or chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, or any
24 other person required to file such reports who knowingly, ~~wilfully~~ willfully, and
25 fraudulently fails to disclose any such information or who knowingly, ~~wilfully~~
26 willfully, and fraudulently fails to accurately disclose such information shall, upon
27 conviction, be sentenced to not in excess of six months in the parish jail or to pay a
28 fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or both.

29 C. Any candidate, chairman of a ~~political~~ committee, treasurer, person
30 required to file reports under this Chapter, or any other person who knowingly,

1 ~~wilfully~~ willfully, and fraudulently violates any provision of R.S. 18:1505.2 or R.S.
2 18:1505.3, or any other provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be
3 sentenced to not in excess of six months in the parish jail or to pay a fine of not more
4 than five hundred dollars, or both.

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6 §1511.2. Supervisory ^cCommittee; ^{rulemaking}~~rule-making~~ authority; advisory opinions;
7 inquiries; duties

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9 B. The supervisory committee may render an advisory opinion concerning
10 the application of a general provision of this Chapter, or a general provision
11 prescribed as a rule or regulation by the committee. The supervisory committee shall
12 publish its advisory opinions on the Board of Ethics website in an easily searchable
13 format. The supervisory committee may render an opinion in response to a request
14 by any public official, any candidate for public office, any ~~political~~ committee, or the
15 supervisory committee may render an advisory opinion on its own initiative. Such
16 an opinion shall not constitute a rule under the provisions of the Administrative
17 Procedure Act and the supervisory committee shall not be subject to that ~~Act~~ in
18 carrying out the provisions of this Subsection.

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20 D. The supervisory committee shall submit an annual report to the Senate
21 Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House
22 and Governmental Affairs including a detailed statement regarding the activities of
23 the supervisory committee in carrying out its duties, recommendations for legislative
24 or other action as the supervisory committee considers appropriate, and all of the
25 following information:

26 (1) Aggregated data regarding investigations, including:

27 (a) Aggregated data regarding the number of complaints received.

28 (b) Aggregated data regarding the number and length of investigations.

29 (c) Aggregated data regarding the number and amount of fines and fine

30 wavers.

1 (d) Aggregated data regarding the number and nature of court and
2 supervisory committee proceedings regarding investigations.

3 (e) Aggregated data regarding categories of alleged violations yielding
4 investigations.

5 (2) Aggregated data regarding charges issued, including:

6 (a) Aggregated data regarding the number of charges.

7 (b) Aggregated data regarding the length of proceedings resulting from
8 charges issued.

9 (c) Aggregated data regarding categories of alleged violations yielding
10 charges.

11 (3) Judgments and opinions issued by the supervisory committee and state
12 and federal courts interpreting this Chapter.

13 (4) Federal Election Commission rulemakings regarding provisions of the
14 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

15 (5) Federal appellate court and state supreme court constitutional
16 jurisprudence regarding the regulation of campaign finance.

17 E. The supervisory committee shall prepare and distribute to the general
18 public through the offices of the clerks of court and in Orleans Parish the office of
19 the clerk of the criminal district court and on its website, booklets of explanation and
20 instruction concerning the provisions of this Chapter in such a manner as to inform
21 the public of the procedures and requirements of this Chapter. The supervisory
22 committee may publish and distribute additional material to assist persons in
23 complying with the provisions of this Chapter.

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25 §1511.4. Supervisory committee; investigations

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28 (2) The supervisory committee may initiate the investigation of an apparent
29 or alleged violation of this Chapter in response to a complaint filed with the
30 supervisory committee in the following manner:

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1 (h)(i) Following either the expiration of the fifteen-day period or the receipt
 2 of a response, whichever occurs first, the supervisory committee shall, by a
 3 two-thirds vote of its membership, determine whether there is reason probable cause
 4 to believe that a respondent has committed a violation of this Chapter. In
 5 determining probable cause, the supervisory committee shall consider whether the
 6 totality of known circumstances is sufficient to justify the belief that the respondent
 7 has committed a violation of this Chapter.

8 (ii) If the supervisory committee finds no reason to believe that a violation
 9 of this Chapter has occurred the respondent has committed a violation of this
 10 Chapter, or otherwise terminates its proceedings, it shall so advise the complainant
 11 and any respondent named in the complaint by letter.

12 (i) If the supervisory committee determines by an affirmative vote of
 13 two-thirds of its membership that it has reason to believe that ~~a respondent has~~
 14 ~~violated this Chapter~~ the respondent has committed a violation of this Chapter, the
 15 supervisory committee shall notify the respondent of its finding by letter, identifying
 16 the provision of law alleged to have been violated and the alleged factual basis
 17 supporting the finding, including reference to any specific transactions identified as
 18 a violation. The letter shall be prefaced by advising the respondent that he may
 19 exercise his constitutional right to counsel and may exercise his constitutional right
 20 not to incriminate himself.

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22 C.(1) Pursuant to its authority under this Chapter the supervisory committee
 23 shall have the power and authority to hold hearings, to subpoena witnesses,
 24 administer oaths, compel the production of books, records, and papers, ~~public and~~
 25 ~~private~~; require the submission under oath of written reports or written answers to
 26 written questions, and to do all that is necessary to effect the provisions of this
 27 Chapter. The supervisory committee shall issue subpoenas in accordance with R.S.
 28 18:1511.4.2.

29 (2) Upon motion by an affected party including g but not limited to J a
 30 candidate, committee, any member of a committee, a prospective witness or any

1 person whose books, records, papers, or other documents are the subject of any
2 subpoena, and for good cause shown, any district court within the jurisdiction of
3 which any inquiry is being conducted may make any order which justice requires to
4 protect such person from ~~annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden~~
5 or expense, including one or more of the following:

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7 (f) That the supervisory committee pay the costs and ^{attorney's} attorneys' fees of the
8 affected party.

9 (3) For purposes of this Subsection, "undue burden or expense" includes
10 subjecting a candidate to inquiry, over objection, when the supervisory committee
11 has not exhausted inquiry upon sources other than the candidate, or the supervisory
12 committee cannot establish that the candidate has personal knowledge of relevant
13 information, or the supervisory committee cannot demonstrate that the candidate is
14 uniquely able to provide relevant information that cannot be obtained from other
15 sources.

16 D. ~~Upon petition by the supervisory committee or an adjudicatory panel of~~
17 ~~the Ethics Adjudicatory Board any district court within the jurisdiction of which any~~
18 ~~inquiry is being carried on may, in case of refusal to obey a subpoena or order of the~~
19 ~~supervisory committee or an adjudicatory panel of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board~~
20 ~~issued pursuant to this Chapter, issue an order requiring compliance. Any failure to~~
21 ~~obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. The~~
22 ~~supervisory committee shall waive, upon request by the petitioning affected party,~~
23 ~~any right to be served by any means other than email transmission, and shall provide~~
24 ~~an email address at which the supervisory committee shall accept service.~~

25 §1511.4.1. Enforcement; failure to file; failure to timely file

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27 C.

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29 (3) The Ethics Adjudicatory Board, or a panel thereof, shall have the power
30 and authority to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, compel the production of

1 books, records, and papers, ~~public and private~~; require the submission under oath of
 2 written reports or written answers to written questions, and to do all that is necessary
 3 to effect the provisions of this Chapter.

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5 §1511.4.2. Subpoenas

6 A.(1) The supervisory committee or the ethics administrator may subpoena
 7 witnesses, compel the production of books, records, and papers, or require the
 8 submission under oath of written reports or answers to questions, which the
 9 supervisory committee or the ethics administrator deems relevant or material to the
 10 investigation or hearing. The supervisory committee or ethics administrator shall
 11 require the submission under oath of written reports or answers to questions, or
 12 subpoena or compel the production of any books, records, and papers only upon a
 13 finding that the importance of the information sought outweighs the burden of
 14 producing the information.

15 (2) The ethics administrator shall provide to the supervisory committee a
 16 monthly report of the number of subpoenas issued by the supervisory committee and
 17 the ethics administrator in the prior month.

18 B. The respondent or any witness upon whom written questions have been
 19 propounded shall serve a copy of the written answers and objections, if any, within
 20 thirty days after the service of the questions.

21 C.(1) The respondent or any witness upon whom a subpoena has been served
 22 to compel the production of books, records, or papers shall serve a copy of the
 23 responses and objections, if any, within thirty days after the service of the subpoena.

24 (2) The respondent or any witness upon whom a subpoena has been served
 25 requiring the submission under oath of written reports shall produce the written
 26 reports within thirty days after the service of the subpoena.

27 (3) The supervisory committee shall promptly provide the respondent with
 28 a copy of questions propounded or subpoenas served upon any witness, as well as
 29 any answers, objections, books, records, or papers, or written reports produced, or
 30 transcripts or recordings of answers to questions produced under oath.

1 (4) Any demand, request, or subpoena propounded upon a respondent or
2 witness, orally or in writing, shall be prefaced with advising the respondent or
3 witness that he may exercise his constitutional right to counsel and may exercise his
4 constitutional right not to incriminate himself.

5 (5) An oral examination under oath shall be conducted under conditions
6 agreed upon by the respondent or witness, including that the examination occur in
7 a certain place, at a certain time, or by phone or videoconference, or with counsel
8 present, that the examination be transcribed or audio recorded, and that the
9 respondent or witness promptly receive a copy of the transcript or audio recording.

10 D.(1) Upon petition by the supervisory committee or the Ethics Adjudicatory
11 Board any district court within the jurisdiction of which any inquiry is being carried
12 on may, in case of refusal to obey a subpoena or order of the supervisory committee
13 or the Ethics Adjudicatory Board issued pursuant to this Chapter, issue an order
14 requiring compliance. Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished
15 by the court as a contempt thereof.

16 (2) Before filing any petition to order compliance with a subpoena or order,
17 counsel for the supervisory committee shall confer in person, by telephone, or by
18 videoconference with the respondent or witness for the purpose of amicably
19 resolving the dispute over the alleged failure of the respondent or witness to obey the
20 subpoena or order. The counsel for the supervisory committee shall attempt to
21 arrange a suitable conference date with the respondent or witness and confirm the
22 date by written notice sent at least five days before the conference date, unless an
23 earlier date is agreed upon by the respondent or witness. If by telephone or
24 videoconference, the conference shall be initiated by the counsel for the supervisory
25 committee.

26 §1511.5. Procedure for enforcement; civil

27 A.(1)(a) When the results of the investigation by the supervisory committee
28 indicate that a violation of this Chapter has occurred which is subject to civil
29 penalties, the supervisory committee is authorized to file administrative proceedings
30 to collect the civil penalties provided in R.S. 18:1505.4 or 1505.5.

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(b) Before the supervisory committee files administrative proceedings, the supervisory committee shall:

(i) Provide the respondent with the final report of the staff of the supervisory committee regarding the investigation of the alleged violation by the respondent.

(ii) Provide the respondent with an opportunity to submit a brief response to the final report of the staff.

(iii) Provide the respondent with an opportunity to make a brief statement before the supervisory committee to address the final report of the staff and any factual or legal issues relevant to the alleged violation by the respondent. Such statement may be made in person, by telephone, or by videoconference during executive session of the supervisory committee, unless the respondent requests that his comments be made in open session. Statements made by the respondent in executive session shall not be recorded.

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B. In determining the amount of the civil penalty to be assessed, the Ethics Adjudicatory Board or district court shall take into consideration the reason for the failure to file timely, the reason for failing to disclose required information, the reason for inaccurately disclosing required information, the nature of the office sought by the candidate, the nature of the office or offices supported or opposed by a political committee or other person, the significance of the information undisclosed or inaccurately disclosed to the voting public, and whether or not the candidate, the chairman or treasurer of the political committee, or other person actually has filed a report or disclosed such information prior to the election or prior to the institution of the administrative proceeding or rule to show cause, the number and frequency of past violations, the amount, the amount that was not disclosed or disclosed untimely in relation to the total contributions received, and the impact of the violation upon any election and the electoral process.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 18:1483(15)(a), (b)(ii), (c), and (d), 1491.6(C)(introductory
2 paragraph), 1495.4(C)(introductory paragraph), 1501.1(C)(introductory paragraph),
3 1505.2(H)(1)(c), (2)(e) and (f), and (3)(a)(iii) through (vii), and 1505.2.1(A), (D), and (E)
4 are hereby amended and ~~re~~enacted and R.S. 18:1483(15)(b)(iii) and (iv) are hereby enacted
5 to read as follows:

6 §1483. Definitions

7 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings given
8 to each in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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10 (21) (15) "Participation" or "participating" in an election means the following:

11 (a) With regard to a candidate, that the candidate was opposed by another
12 candidate in the election; however, any person who is a candidate as defined in this
13 Chapter shall be deemed to participate in the primary election whether or not the
14 candidate has failed to qualify for office after becoming a candidate, has withdrawn
15 from the election, or is unopposed therefor. ~~Additionally, any~~ Any candidate who
16 withdraws from a general election subsequent to a party primary election or the
17 primary election and prior to the general election who would have been qualified to
18 appear on the general election ballot shall be deemed to participate in the general
19 election, as shall the person who would have been opposed by the one withdrawing.
20 Any candidate who withdraws after a party primary election and prior to the second
21 party primary election who would have been qualified to appear on the second party
22 primary election ballot shall be deemed to participate in the second party primary
23 election, as shall the person who would have been opposed by the candidate
24 withdrawing.

25 (b) With regard to a political committee, that the committee:

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27 (ii) With regard to the party primary election, gave or received a contribution
28 prior to the party primary election from, to, or for a candidate participating in the
29 party primary election, made an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a
30 candidate participating in the party primary election, made a loan to or received a

1 loan from a candidate or committee participating in the party primary election, or
2 made a transfer of funds to or from another committee participating in the party
3 primary election.

4 (iii) With regard to the second party primary election, gave or received a
5 contribution subsequent to the first party primary election and prior to the second
6 party primary election from, to, or for a candidate participating in the second party
7 primary election, made an expenditure in support of or in opposition to a candidate
8 participating in the second party primary election, made a loan to or received a loan
9 from a candidate or committee participating in the second party primary election, or
10 made a transfer of funds to or from another committee participating in the second
11 party primary election.

12 (ii) (iv) With regard to the general election, that the committee gave or
13 received a contribution subsequent to the primary election from, to, or for a
14 candidate participating in the general election, made an expenditure in support of or
15 in opposition to a candidate participating in the general election, made a loan to or
16 received a loan from a candidate or committee participating in that general election,
17 or made a transfer of funds to or from another committee participating in the general
18 election.

19 (c) A candidate or committee which participates in a party primary election,
20 primary election, or the general election shall be deemed to participate in the
21 election.

22 (d) With regard to a person who solicits or receives any contribution or
23 makes any expenditure in support of or in opposition to a proposition or question
24 submitted to the voters, that said person solicited or received a contribution or made
25 an expenditure of ~~two hundred fifty~~ five hundred dollars or more.

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27 §1491.6. Reports required; reporting times and periods

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29 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a
30 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day; during the

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1 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a second party primary
2 election and extending through midnight of a second party primary election day, if
3 applicable; and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior
4 to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, each
5 political committee, principal campaign committee, or independent expenditure-only
6 committee which is participating in the election shall file a report with the
7 supervisory committee of:

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9 §1495.4. Reports required; reporting times and periods; extension

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11 C. During the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a
12 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day; during the
13 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a second party primary
14 election and extending through midnight of the second party primary election day,
15 if applicable; and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior
16 to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, each
17 candidate shall file a report with the supervisory committee of:

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19 §1501.1. Reports by persons not candidates or committees

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21 C. In addition to the reports filed in accordance with Subsection B of this
22 Section, during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a
23 primary election and extending through midnight of primary election day; during the
24 period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior to a second party primary
25 election and extending through midnight of the second party primary election day,
26 if applicable; and during the period beginning at midnight of the twentieth day prior
27 to a general election and extending through midnight of general election day, any
28 person, other than a candidate or a ~~political~~ committee, who makes any expenditure
29 ~~or who accepts a contribution; other than to or from a candidate or to or from a~~
30 ~~political~~ committee, shall file a report with the supervisory committee of:

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§1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations

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(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the contribution limit for contributions made to an unsuccessful major office candidate, or the principal campaign committee and any subsidiary committee of such unsuccessful candidate, who does not participate in the general election, or a party primary candidate who does not participate in either the second party primary, primary, or general election and for the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through the day of the primary election or closed party primary, shall be twenty thousand dollars.

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(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) and Subparagraph (a) of this ^{of this Subsection} ~~Subsection~~ ^{Paragraph}, the contributions limit for contributions by political committees to an unsuccessful major office candidate, or the principal campaign committee and subsidiary committee of such unsuccessful candidate, who does not participate in the general election, or a party primary candidate who does not participate in either the second party primary, primary, or general election and for the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through the day of the primary election or closed party primary, shall be ~~ten~~ twenty thousand dollars.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) and Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this ^{of this Subsection} ~~Subsection~~ ^{Paragraph}, the contributions limit for contributions by political committees certified according to the provisions of Subparagraph (b) ^{of this Paragraph} ~~(b)~~ to an unsuccessful major office candidate, or the principal campaign committee and subsidiary committee of such unsuccessful candidate, who does not participate in a second party primary or the general election and for the time period for which such candidate has a deficit for expenditures made through ~~the day of the~~ later of the day

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1 of the party primary or the second party primary election, shall be twenty forty
2 thousand dollars.

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6 (iii) For purposes of this Subsection, for candidates for a primary party office
7 and office. principal campaign committees, political committees, and independent
8 expenditure-only committees that participate in a second party primary, the reporting
9 period for the second party primary election shall be deemed to begin the day
10 following the primary election.

11 (iv) For purposes of this Subsection, for ~~candidates and~~ candidates, principal
12 campaign committees, political committees, and independent expenditure-only
13 committees that participate in a general election, the reporting period for the general
14 election shall be deemed to begin the day following the primary election at which the
15 candidate qualified for the general election, except that for a nonparty primary
16 candidate, the reporting period for the general election shall be deemed to begin the
17 day that the candidate became a candidate for a party primary office.

18 (v) For purposes of this Subsection, if a judgment orders only a new general
19 election, for ~~candidates and~~ candidates, principal campaign committees, political
20 committees, and independent expenditure-only committees that participate in the
21 court-ordered general election, the reporting period shall be deemed to begin the day
22 following the rendering of the judgment.

23 (vi) For purposes of this Subsection, for ~~candidates and~~ candidates, principal
24 campaign committees, political committees, and independent expenditure-only
25 committees that participate in an election held pursuant to R.S. 18:512, the reporting
26 period for that election shall be deemed to begin the day following the general
27 election.

28 (vii) A candidate or his principal campaign committee or subsidiary
29 campaign committee thereof may receive contributions that are designated in
30 writing; or made in accordance with a properly noticed joint fundraising agreement

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1 for use in connection with either the general election or primary election in a single
2 election cycle or, for a party primary office, with either a party primary, the primary,
3 or the general election, as provided in R.S. 18:1505.2.1.

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5 §1505.2.1. Designation and attribution of contributions

6 A.(1) A candidate may receive contributions designated in writing for use
7 in connection with ~~either the primary election or the general~~ any election in a single
8 election cycle, whether a party primary election, primary election, or general
9 election. The candidate shall use an acceptable accounting method to distinguish
10 between contributions attributed to ~~the primary election and contributions attributed~~
11 ~~to the general~~ each particular election.

12 (2)(a) Acceptable accounting methods include but are not limited to the
13 creation and designation of separate accounts for each election or the establishment
14 of separate books and records for each election.

15 (b) ~~A candidate's records shall demonstrate that prior to the primary election,~~
16 ~~recorded cash on hand was at all times equal to or in excess of the sum of general~~
17 ~~election contributions received less the sum of general election disbursements made.~~

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19 D. The candidate may accept contributions that are designated in writing for
20 use in ~~the general~~ a particular election prior to the date of ~~the primary election~~ a prior
21 election in the same election cycle.

22 E. If the candidate does not participate in ~~the general election~~ one or more
23 elections within an election cycle after participating in the first election in the
24 election cycle, any contributions designated for ~~the general~~ an election in which the
25 candidate did not participate shall be treated as excess campaign funds and may be
26 redesignated as provided in Subsection G of this Section or expended as provided in
27 R.S. 18:1505.2(I), except that such funds may not be expended in support of or in
28 opposition to a proposition, political party; or the candidacy of a person; or
29 maintained in a segregated fund for use in future political campaigns or activity
30 related to preparing for future candidacy to elective office.

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Section 3. R.S. 9:154(A)(18) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§154. Presumptions of abandonment

A. Property is presumed abandoned if it is unclaimed by the apparent owner during the time set forth below for the particular property for the following:

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(18) Checks drawn on a campaign account pursuant to R.S. 18:1505.2 for the return of campaign contributions made in excess of contribution limits, six twelve months from the date of the check if not negotiated.

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Section 4. R.S. 18:1486(C)(1) and (2)(d), 1505.2(N), and 1511.3(B) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 5. The Louisiana State Law Institute is authorized and directed to arrange in alphabetical order and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 18:1481 and to correct any cross-references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions of this Act. [ACTS 2025, No. 398]

Section 6. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall supersede those same provisions of Section 1 of this Act and those same provisions of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the effective date of Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

Section 7. The Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure shall prepare updated forms and instructions and explanations for the completion of such forms in compliance with this Act as provided in R.S. 18:1511.3 no later than January 15, 2026. All committees, candidates, and other persons required to file reports with the supervisory committee pursuant to the provisions of this Act may file reports containing the information required by this Act using the forms offered by the supervisory committee on the effective date of this Act until such forms have been updated as provided in this Section. Until such forms have been updated, the supervisory committee shall not find a candidate, committee, or other person required to file reports pursuant to this Act in violation of the Campaign

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1 Finance Disclosure Act for failure to file any information required by this Act but not
2 provided for on the forms offered by the supervisory committee on the effective date of this
3 Act.

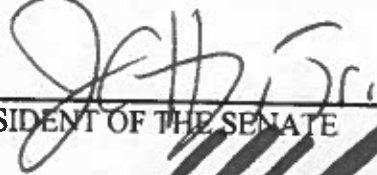
4 Section 8.(A) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective upon the effective date
5 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

6 (B) This Section and Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this Act shall become effective
7 upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration
8 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
9 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and
10 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this
11 Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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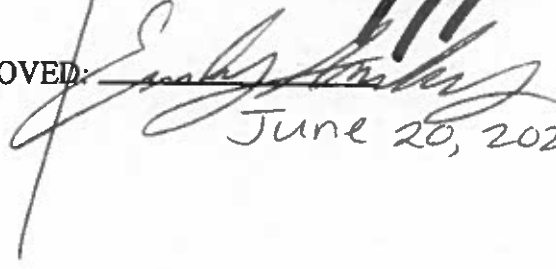
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CITATION CHANGES PURSUANT TO ACTS 2025, NO. 398, §5

1 **R.S. 4:734. Sale of tickets at ~~fund-raising~~ fundraising event**

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3 Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, a candidate for public office,
4 as ~~provided for defined~~ in R.S. 18:1483(3), or his principal campaign committee, as ~~provided~~
5 ~~for defined~~ in R.S. 18:1483(15), may conduct a ~~fund-raising fundraising~~ activity involving the
6 sale of tickets which afford the purchaser an opportunity to win a door prize, raffle, or similar gift
7 or prize.

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11 **R.S. 18:1461.1. Coercion; prohibited practices; penalties**

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23 (ii) For the purposes of this Subparagraph, "contribution" shall have the same meaning as
24 provided for in R.S. 18:1483(6) and shall also include any dues or membership fees of any
25 organization.

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29 **R.S. 18:1491.6. Reports required; reporting times and periods**

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33 E. A report shall be filed for each committee of all information required in R.S. 18:1491.7
34 no later than February fifteenth of each year which shall be complete as of the preceding December
35 thirty-first. The annual report required by this Subsection shall not be required:

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37 (1) If under another provision of this Section, the committee has filed another report of the
38 information required by R.S. 18:1491.7 at any time after the preceding December tenth and prior
39 to the February fifteenth due date, or

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41 (2) If during the preceding year the committee has filed a supplemental report required by
42 Subsection D of this Section and has not otherwise, during the reporting period, supported or
43 opposed a candidate, as such term is defined in R.S. 18:1483(3), or

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47 **R.S. 18:1495.4. Reports required; reporting times and periods; extension**

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51 E. A report shall be filed for each candidate, as defined by R.S. 18:1483(3), of all
52 information required in R.S. 18:1495.5 no later than February fifteenth of each year which shall
53 be complete as of the preceding December thirty-first. The annual report required by this
54 Subsection shall not be required:

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56 (1) If under another provision of this Section the candidate has filed another report of the
57 information required by R.S. 18:1495.5 at any time after the preceding December tenth and prior
58 to February fifteenth due date, or

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2 (2) If the candidate files a supplemental report as required by R.S. 18:1495.4(D) and has
3 not otherwise, during the reporting period, become a candidate, as defined in R.S. 18:1483(3), or
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7 **R.S. 18:1501.3. Gubernatorial transition and inauguration; contribution limits; reports**
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11 B. As used in this Section:

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13 (1) "Contribution" means a gift, loan, conveyance, payment, or deposit of money or any
14 thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, made for the purpose of supporting the transition
15 and any event, activity, or fund associated with the inauguration of the governor-elect. However,
16 "contribution" shall not include funds received pursuant to R.S. 49:209 or the receipt and
17 acceptance of a campaign contribution as defined in R.S. 18:1483(6).
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21 **R.S. 18:1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations**
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35 (ii) For the purposes of this Subparagraph, "contribution" shall have the same meaning as
36 provided for in R.S. 18:1483(6) and shall also include any dues or membership fees of any
37 organization.
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41 **R.S. 42:1124.6. Disclosure statements; certain agency heads and appointees to state boards**
42 **and commissions**
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46 B.(1) * * *

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48 (2) For purposes of this Section:

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50 (a) "Candidate" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 18:1483(3)(a).
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54 (c) "Loan" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 18:1483(10).
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1 **R.S. 42:1130.2. Definitions**
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3 For purposes of this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless
4 the context clearly indicates otherwise:
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8 (2) "Contribution" shall have the meaning provided in R.S. 18:1483~~(6)~~, except that "public
9 office" as used therein shall have the meaning provided in this Section.
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11 (3) "Election" shall have the meaning provided in R.S. 18:1483~~(8)~~.
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13 (4) "Expenditure" shall have the meaning provided in R.S. 18:1483~~(9)~~, except that "public
14 office" as used therein shall have the meaning provided in this Section.
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HOUSE BILL NO. 405

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, ROBBY CARTER, TERRY LANDRY,
MARCELLE, NEWELL, PHELPS, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. ~~18:18(E)~~, relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. ~~18:18(E)~~ is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

* * *

E.(1) The secretary of state shall publish a revised final version of this Code on the website of the secretary of state within thirty days of receiving a revised final version of this Code from the legislature following final adjournment of a session of the legislature which results in changes to this Code.

(2) No later than ninety days after final adjournment of a session of the legislature which results in changes to this Code, the secretary of state shall publish on the website of the secretary of state links to each legislative instrument enacted during the session affecting this Code, the effective date of the instrument, and provide the keyword and oneliner of each such instrument as it appears on the legislature's website. The secretary of state website shall include a link to the legislature's bill information page for the public to access the text of the enacted instrument and the résumé digest of each instrument.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature EFF. DATE 6/30/2025 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 502

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:53(A) and (B)(1) and (2), 55(A)(4)(b), 59(B)(4)(b) and (C)(4)(b), 60, and 134(A) and to enact R.S. 18:58(E), relative to the compensation, evaluation, duties, and removal of registrars of voters; to provide for grounds for removal; to provide for allegations brought by the commissioner of elections; to provide for a firing freeze during the pendency of removal proceedings; to provide for merit evaluations; to provide for office closures; to provide for the performance of duties by the registrar of voters during office closures; to provide for the duty of the registrar to report to the parish governing authority; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:53(A) and (B)(1) and (2), 55(A)(4)(b), 59(B)(4)(b) and (C)(4)(b), 60, and 134(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:58(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§53. ~~Tenure; removal~~ Removal from office; may not be own immediate successor

A. A registrar shall be subject to removal by the State Board of Election Supervisors for cause for any of the following reasons:

(1) Willful ~~willful~~ misconduct relating to his official duty;

(2) Willful ~~willful~~ and persistent failure to perform his duty;

(3) Persistent ~~persistent~~ public conduct prejudicial to the administration of the laws relative to the registration of voters that brings the office into disrepute; or,

(4) Incompetence.

(5) Consistent under-performance.

(6) Abuse of leave policies established by the secretary of state.

(7) Violation of substance abuse policies established by the secretary of state.

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(b) Each registrar whose salary is at the level of step one or higher shall be evaluated as to merit in January. The merit evaluation shall result in a finding of "excellent", "successful", "unsuccessful", or "not assessed". The criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation shall be determined by the secretary of state in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters Association. Each registrar shall be evaluated by the secretary of state or his designee acting on his behalf. Upon a finding of "excellent" on a merit evaluation, the registrar shall receive a salary increase to the next step until the registrar's salary is equal to the highest step of the appropriate population range. A registrar may appeal the finding on a merit evaluation to the State Board of Election Supervisors in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. If a member of the board participates in the merit evaluation of a registrar, the member shall not participate in an appeal of the evaluation.

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§58. Powers and duties of registrars

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E. The registrar shall appear before the parish governing authority upon the request of the parish governing authority.

§59. Deputies, confidential assistants, and other permanent office employees; temporary employees; appointment and compensation; prohibited increase in compensation

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(b) Each chief deputy whose salary is at the level of step one or higher shall

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be evaluated as to merit in January. The merit evaluation shall result in a finding of "excellent", "successful", "unsuccessful", or "not assessed". The criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation shall be determined by the Registrar of Voters Association. It shall provide that each chief deputy will be evaluated by the registrar of his parish. Upon a finding of "excellent" on a merit evaluation, the chief deputy shall receive a salary increase to the next step until his salary equals the highest step of the appropriate population range.

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(b) Each confidential assistant whose salary is at the level of step one or higher shall be evaluated as to merit in January. The merit evaluation shall result in a finding of "excellent", "successful", "unsuccessful", or "not assessed". The criteria and procedure for the merit evaluation shall be determined by the Registrar of Voters Association. It shall provide that each confidential assistant be evaluated by the registrar of his parish. Upon a finding of "excellent" on a merit evaluation, the confidential assistant shall receive a salary increase to the next step until the confidential assistant's salary is equal to the highest step of the appropriate population range.

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§60. Removal of deputies and employees

Subject to applicable civil service law, a registrar may remove any deputy, ~~clerk, deputy registrar, confidential assistant~~ or other employee. However, no registrar who is subject to removal by the State Board of Election Supervisors pursuant to R.S. 18:53 may remove a deputy registrar, confidential assistant, or other employee from the time the registrar is made aware that he is subject to removal until after the State Board of Election Supervisors makes a final determination on the removal of the registrar.

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§134. Office hours

A.(1) A registrar shall keep his principal office open for business on those days that state departments are open. A registrar shall observe the holidays that are provided by law or proclaimed by the governor for state departments. On days that a registrar's office is open, his office hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Notwithstanding any provision of this Subsection, any registrar may keep his principal office open during additional hours and on additional days.


(2) A registrar may close his principal office on days that state departments are open only in extreme circumstances. However, on such days the registrar shall still perform essential functions.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



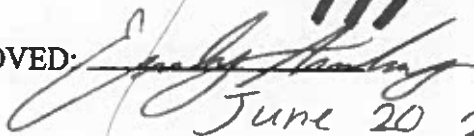
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 420

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~18:441(B)(1)~~ and to enact R.S. 18:107(G) and 441(B)(4) and (E), relative to political parties; to provide for recognition of a political party; to provide for party affiliation for voter registration; to prohibit recognition of certain political parties; to prohibit designation of party affiliation with certain parties for voter registration; to require a change in party affiliation under certain circumstances; to provide for a procedure allowing a political party to request that it be dissolved; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:441(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:107(G) and 441(B)(4) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§107. Party affiliation ~~not required~~ for registration; change in party affiliation

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G.(1) A person who applies for registration on or after August 1, 2025, shall not be designated as "Independent" or designated as being affiliated with the "Independent Party". An applicant who declares party affiliation as "Independent" or with the "Independent Party" shall have his party affiliation entered as "No Party".

1 The Department of State shall notify the registrant of the change pursuant to R.S.
2 18:109. The notice shall contain an explanation for the change in registration.

3 (2) A registrant who is registered as "Independent" or designated as being
4 affiliated with the "Independent Party" before August 1, 2025, shall have his party
5 affiliation changed to "No Party". The Department of State shall notify the registrant
6 of the change pursuant to R.S. 18:109. The notice shall contain an explanation for
7 the change in registration.

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9 §441. Recognition

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11 B.(1) A political party shall be recognized if ninety days prior to the opening
12 of the qualifying period for any election at least ~~one~~ five thousand registered voters
13 in the state are registered as being affiliated with such political party; such political
14 party has filed a notarized registration statement as described in Paragraph (2) of this
15 Subsection with the secretary of state; and the political party has paid a registration
16 fee of ~~one~~ five thousand dollars to the secretary of state upon filing the registration
17 statement. The political party designation of a candidate shall not be listed on the
18 ballot unless the political party was recognized prior to the close of qualifying for the
19 office the candidate is seeking.

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21 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no political party
22 shall be recognized in this state which declares its name solely to be "Independent"
23 or the "Independent Party".

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25 E.(1) A political party may through its bylaws provide for the process of
26 dissolution. A political party that has been recognized pursuant to Subsection B of
27 this Section may request to have the party dissolved by the secretary of state. A
28 political party that requests the party's dissolution shall file a notarized dissolution
29 statement with the secretary of state made in accordance with the party's bylaws.

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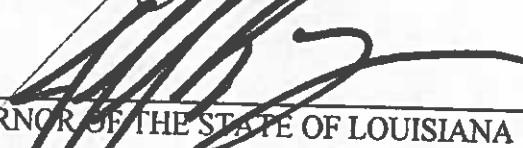
(2) A registrant who is registered as being affiliated with a political party that is dissolved pursuant to this Subsection shall have his party affiliation changed to "No Party". The Department of State shall notify the registrant of the change pursuant to R.S. 18:109. The notice shall contain an explanation for the change in registration.



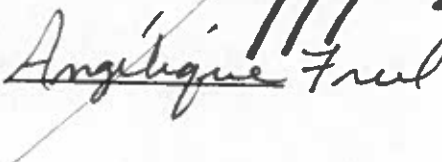
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 532

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~18:1283(B)~~, to enact R.S. 18:402.1, and to repeal R.S. 18:402.1, relative to sales and use tax elections in certain municipalities; to provide for an election for a tax that is set to expire; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. ~~18:1283(B)~~ is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:402.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§402.1. Special election date: sales and use tax election in certain municipalities

Notwithstanding the provision of R.S. 18:402, if a sales and use tax levied by the governing authority of a municipality with a population of less than sixteen thousand and more than fifteen thousand according to the latest federal decennial census is set to expire before the municipality is able to call an election as provided by law on a date otherwise provided in R.S. 18:402, upon application to and approval by the State Bond Commission by two-thirds vote of its total membership, and with approval of the governor and secretary of state, the governing authority may conduct an election on a Saturday that is not otherwise provided in R.S. 18:402.

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§1283. Elections

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1 B. The governing authority of the political subdivision may call a special
2 election for any of these purposes to be held on any of the dates set forth in R.S.
3 18:402(F) or as provided in R.S. 18:402.1, and it shall call an election for any of
4 these purposes when requested to do so by the petition in writing of one-fourth of the
5 electors qualified to vote at an election.

6 Section 2. R.S. 18:1283(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1283. Elections

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9 B. The governing authority of the political subdivision may call a special
10 election for any of these purposes to be held on any of the dates set forth in R.S.
11 18:402(F) ~~or as provided in R.S. 18:402.1~~, and it shall call an election for any of
12 these purposes when requested to do so by the petition in writing of one-fourth of the
13 electors qualified to vote at an election.


14 Section 3. R.S. 18:402.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

15 Section 4.(A) This Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon
16 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of
17 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
18 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and
19 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become
20 effective on the day following such approval.

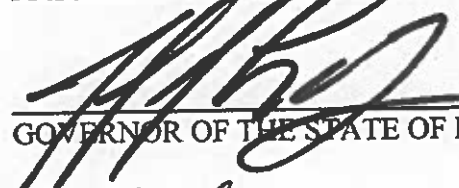
21 (B) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective December 31, 2025.



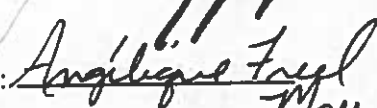
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: 
May 20, 2025

ACT 213

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 648

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AND SENATORS CARTER, FESI, JENKINS,
KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, MILLER, REESE, SELDERS, AND WOMACK

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) and to enact R.S. 18:454 and 464(B)(5), relative to candidate qualifying fees for an election; to provide for the imposition of a candidate qualifying fee for certain candidates; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues from the collection of a candidate qualifying fee; to establish the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for a prior Act of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:454 and 464(B)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§454. Campaign Sign Recycling Fund

A. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

B.(1) After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund the following:

(a) Monies collected from candidate qualifying fees for an election pursuant to R.S. 18:464(B)(5).

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(b) Monies designated for the fund and received by the state treasurer from donations, gifts, grants, appropriations, or other revenue.

(2) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the state general fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

C.(1) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the secretary of state for the recycling of political campaign signs.

(2) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act necessary for implementation and administration of the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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§464. Qualifying fees; additional fees imposed by political party committees; financial statements

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B. Amount of qualifying fees. The qualifying fees for candidates in primary elections are:

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(5) All candidates other than candidates for membership on the state central committee or parish executive committee of a political party, in addition to the qualifying fees established pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this Subsection, shall pay an additional qualifying fee of twenty-five dollars. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the additional fee paid pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be deposited into the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund as established in R.S. 18:454.

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§1254. Slates of candidates not affiliated with a recognized political party; nominating petitions and qualifying by payment of qualifying fees

A. A slate of candidates for presidential elector who are not affiliated with a recognized political party may be nominated by nominating petition or may qualify

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1 by the payment of a qualifying fee of five hundred dollars. Such qualifying fee shall
2 be paid in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:464(A). The candidate shall also
3 pay a qualifying fee pursuant to R.S. 18:464(B)(5). The period for filing such
4 qualifying fee shall begin on the third Tuesday in July and shall end at 4:30 p.m. on
5 the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August of each year in which a
6 presidential election is to be held. Each qualifying fee shall be accompanied by the
7 notice of candidacy and notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector signifying
8 his acceptance of the nomination. A candidate for presidential elector who is not
9 affiliated with a recognized political party may be registered to vote with or without
10 a declaration of party affiliation.

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12 §1280.22. Candidates; procedure for qualifying

13 A. Candidates for presidential nominee shall qualify in accordance with
14 procedures established by the party. Prior to qualification as a candidate of a
15 political party for presidential nominee, a person shall pay a qualifying fee of seven
16 hundred fifty dollars and any additional ~~fee fees~~ as authorized by ~~R.S. 18:464(C)~~
17 R.S. 18:464(B)(5) and (C) or shall have obtained a nominating petition, bearing the
18 handwritten signatures of no less than one thousand registered voters affiliated with
19 the party from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided. If
20 the candidate is qualifying by paying a fee, the fee shall be paid in cash, by certified
21 or cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank or credit union, by United States
22 postal money order, or by a money order issued by a state or national bank or credit
23 union.

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25 Section 2. R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to
26 read as follows:

27 §1254. Slates of candidates not affiliated with a recognized political party;
28 nominating petitions and qualifying by payment of qualifying fees

29 A. A slate of candidates for presidential elector who are not affiliated with
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1 by the payment of a qualifying fee of one thousand dollars. Such qualifying fee shall
 2 be paid in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:464(A). The candidate shall also
 3 pay a qualifying fee pursuant to R.S. 18:464(B)(5). The period for filing such
 4 qualifying fee shall begin on the third Tuesday in July and shall end at 4:30 p.m. on
 5 the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August of each year in which a
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§1280.22. Candidates; procedure for qualifying

13 A. Candidates for presidential nominee shall qualify in accordance with
 14 procedures established by the party. Prior to qualification as a candidate of a
 15 political party for presidential nominee, a person shall pay a qualifying fee of one
 16 thousand dollars and any additional ~~fee~~ fees as authorized by R.S. 18:464(C) R.S.
 17 18:464(B)(5) and (C) or shall have obtained a nominating petition, bearing the
 18 handwritten signatures of no less than one thousand registered voters affiliated with
 19 the party from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided. If
 20 the candidate is qualifying by paying a fee, the fee shall be paid in cash, by certified
 21 or cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank or credit union, by United States
 22 postal money order, or by a money order issued by a state or national bank or credit
 23 union.

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25 Section 3(A). R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) as amended and reenacted in Section
 26 Acts 2025, No. 213 of this Act shall supercede R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) as amended and reenacted in
 27 Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature.

28 (B) The additional qualifying fee provided for in this Act shall be required of
 29 candidates qualifying on and after August 1, 2025.

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Section 4.(A) This Section and Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

(B) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective when Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

[Acts 2025, No. 213]

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 495

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 342

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:464(B)(1) and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b), relative to qualifying for elections; to increase qualifying fees of certain candidates; to provide for nominating petitions; to provide for the number of required signatures for nominating petitions of certain state candidates; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:464(B)(1) and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§464. Qualifying fees; additional fees imposed by political party committees; financial statements

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B. Amount of qualifying fees. The qualifying fees for candidates in primary elections are:

(1) For state candidates -- ~~seven hundred fifty dollars for governor; two thousand five hundred dollars for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance; three thousand five hundred dollars for United States senator; and one thousand five hundred dollars for United States representative;~~ four hundred fifty dollars for justice of the supreme court, judge of a court of appeal, and member of the public service commission and six hundred dollars for all other state candidates.

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1 §465. Nominating petitions

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3 C. Number of signatures required. The number of qualified voters who must
4 timely sign a nominating petition is:

5 (1) For a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state--~~five thousand~~
6 two thousand five hundred, not less than ~~five hundred~~ two hundred fifty of which
7 shall be from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided.

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9 (3) For a candidate for any of the following offices:

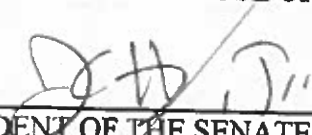
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11 (b) United States Representatives in Congress--~~one thousand~~ seven hundred
12 fifty from within that district.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 199

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HOUSE BILL NO. 482

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4) and to enact R.S. 18:532(F), 532.1(C)(5), and 1922.2, relative to the review of local precinct and redistricting plans by the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court prior to adoption; to provide for consultation with a demographer; to provide for transmission of relevant data files; to provide for criteria for review; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:532(F), 532.1(C)(5), and 1922.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§532. Establishment of precincts

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F. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance to establish the boundaries of precincts pursuant to this Section, the parish governing authority shall submit the proposed precincts and boundaries to the clerk of court and registrar of voters to confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed boundaries.

§532.1. Changing boundaries

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(4) In addition to the requirements of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, when the proposed precinct change involves dividing a precinct, prior to the adoption of the ordinance, the parish governing authority shall submit proposed changes to the clerk of court and registrar of voters to confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed boundaries.

(5) No precinct boundary change shall become effective for the election unless the information required in this Subsection is received by the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. at least four weeks prior to the date the qualifying period opens.

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§1922.2. Approval of reapportionment plan by local election officials


A. Prior to the adoption of any local redistricting or reapportionment plan, a local governing body shall submit the proposed plan to the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court for review. If the local governing body utilizes a demographer to produce the proposed plan, the demographer shall be available to the registrar of voters and clerk of court to conduct their review. If the local governing body utilizes a geographic information system to develop its redistricting plan, it shall submit the proposed plan to the registrar of voters and clerk of court electronically in a geospatial shape file or an ASCII comma delimited block equivalency import file which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its redistricting plan.

B.(1) The registrar of voters shall review and confirm that each district of the proposed plan assigns all of the geography of the affected area without omission or duplication. If the proposed plan utilizes precincts, the registrar shall confirm the proposed plan utilizes the most current precincts established by the parish governing authority pursuant to R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

(2) The registrar of voters and clerk of court shall review and confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed plan.



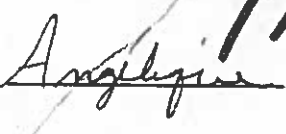
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 208

2025 Regular Session

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1361(A) and (B), 1362(A)(1), 1362.1(I)(1) and (K), and 1362.2(A) and (C) and to enact Subpart B of Part II of Chapter 8 of Title 18, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1367.1 through 1367.14, relative to procurement of voting systems or system components; to provide relative to the allowable methods of procurement; to provide relative to the approval of voting systems; to provide relative to the Voting System Commission and its powers and duties; to provide relative to the Voting System Proposal Evaluation Committee and its powers and duties; to provide for the authority and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for the authority and duties of the commissioner of administration and chief procurement officer with respect to procurement; to provide for legal and contractual remedies and for administrative appeals relative to such procurements; to provide for the authority of the Louisiana Law Institute; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1361(A) and (B), 1362(A)(1), 1362.1(I)(1) and (K), and 1362.2(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and Subpart B of Part II of Chapter 8 of Title 18, comprised of R.S. 18:1367.1 through 1367.14, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART A. PROCUREMENT AND ALLOCATION OF VOTING SYSTEMS

§1361. Approval of voting systems or system components; certificate; expenses of examination

A. Prior to the ~~solicitation of bids for procurement and use of~~ any new voting system, the secretary of state shall examine any type or make of voting system or system component upon the request of a representative of the maker or supplier thereof for compliance with the certification standards promulgated pursuant to R.S.

18:1353. If the secretary of state determines that the voting system or system

1 component complies with the certification standards, he shall approve that voting
 2 system or system component for use in this state and shall issue his certificate of
 3 approval thereof.

4 B. In addition to meeting any applicable certification standards, any voting
 5 system or system component procured or used in the state must have been certified
 6 according to the voluntary voting system guidelines developed and maintained by
 7 the United States Election Assistance Commission upon testing conducted by a
 8 voting system test laboratory accredited by the United States Election Assistance
 9 Commission. This certificate, together with any relevant reports, drawings, and
 10 photographs, shall be a public record.

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12 §1362. Method of procuring voting systems or system components; parts and
 13 supplies; contracting for the maintenance of voting machines

14 A.(1) All voting systems or system components used in this state shall be
 15 procured by the secretary of state, taking into consideration the recommendations of
 16 the Voting System Commission as provided in R.S. 18:1362.1, out of state funds
 17 appropriated for that purpose, ~~on the basis of a competitive request for proposals~~
 18 ~~process or public bids submitted to the secretary of state~~ on the basis of competitive
 19 sealed proposals or the invitation to negotiate in accordance with the provisions of
 20 the Louisiana Procurement Code. Required specifications shall include tests and
 21 examinations of the operation of the voting systems or system components, and the
 22 secretary of state, for that purpose, shall employ experts to conduct these
 23 examinations in accordance with R.S. 18:1361 and report the results thereof to the
 24 Voting System Commission. The expenses of the services of these experts shall be
 25 paid by the vendor that seeks to have its system certified for consideration. In every
 26 respect, the procurement of voting systems or system components shall be in
 27 accordance with the Louisiana Procurement Code.

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1 §1362.1. Voting System Commission; creation and organization; duties and
 2 responsibilities

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4 I.(1) After complying with the provisions of Subsection H of this Section,
 5 the commission shall determine the type of voting system to recommend to the
 6 secretary of state to submit ~~for competitive solicitation~~ for procurement in
 7 accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code.

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9 K. Upon receipt of the report, the secretary of state, working in conjunction
 10 with the office of state procurement, shall develop ~~a request for proposals~~ the best
 11 method of procurement taking into consideration the commission's
 12 recommendations. No later than thirty days prior to the issuance of the request for
 13 proposals or the issuance of an invitation to negotiate, the secretary shall promulgate
 14 certification standards for the type of voting system to be procured in accordance
 15 with the provisions of R.S. 18:1353.

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17 §1362.2. Voting System Proposal Evaluation Committee; membership; duties

18 A. The Voting System Proposal Evaluation Committee is created and
 19 established within the Department of State for the purpose of independently
 20 reviewing any proposals or responses to an invitation to negotiate received by the
 21 secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:1362.1.

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23 C. The committee shall investigate and publicly test the voting systems
 24 proposed by ~~the respondents to the request for proposals~~ potential vendors and may
 25 utilize subject matter experts to assist in the investigation. Upon completion of the
 26 investigation, the committee shall ~~score~~ evaluate each proposal or response to an
 27 invitation to negotiate according to the ~~request for proposal procurement~~ criteria,
 28 which shall ensure that all proposals or responses to an invitation to negotiate are
 29 evaluated in a fair and balanced manner and provide equal consideration for all
 30 potential vendors without exception. ~~The highest-scoring proposal shall receive the~~

1 ~~recommendation of the committee. The recommendation shall be communicated to~~
 2 ~~the secretary of state. The committee shall make a recommendation and notify the~~
 3 ~~secretary of state. The secretary of state shall then make a recommendation and~~
 4 ~~submit the proposal to the chief procurement officer for subsequent review, approval,~~
 5 ~~or further inquiry in accordance with the Louisiana Procurement Code.~~

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7 SUBPART B. LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL REMEDIES FOR THE
 8 PROCUREMENT OF VOTING SYSTEMS

9 §1367.1. Applicability of Subpart; definitions

10 A. To the extent any provisions of this Subpart regarding legal and
 11 contractual remedies for the procurement of voting systems conflict with any
 12 provision of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the provisions of this
 13 Subpart shall supersede and control.

14 B. As used in this Subpart, "commissioner" means the commissioner of
 15 administration.

16 §1367.2. Authority to resolve protested solicitations and awards

17 A. Right to protest. Any person who is aggrieved in connection with the
 18 solicitation or award of a contract of a voting system or system components issued
 19 by the applicable chief procurement officer shall protest to the chief procurement
 20 officer. Protests with respect to a solicitation shall be submitted in writing at least
 21 ten days prior to the opening of bids. Protests with respect to the award of a contract
 22 shall be submitted in writing within fourteen days after contract award.

23 B. Authority to resolve protests. The chief procurement officer or his
 24 designee shall have authority, prior to the commencement of an action in court
 25 concerning the controversy, to settle and resolve a protest of an aggrieved person
 26 concerning the solicitation or award of a contract. This authority shall be exercised
 27 in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to R.S. 39:1671(H).

28 C. Decision. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the chief
 29 procurement officer or his designee shall, within seven days, issue a decision in
 30 writing. The decision shall:

1 (1) State the reasons for the action taken.

2 (2) Inform the protestant of its right to administrative and judicial review as
3 provided in this Subpart.

4 D. Notice of decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection C of this
5 Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestant and any
6 other party intervening.

7 E. Finality of decision. A decision under Subsection C of this Section shall
8 be final and conclusive unless one of the following applies:

9 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

10 (2) The person adversely affected by the decision has timely appealed
11 administratively to the commissioner in accordance with R.S. 18:1367.6.

12 F. Stay of procurements during protests. In the event of a timely protest
13 under Subsection A of this Section, the state shall not proceed further with the
14 solicitation or with the awarding of the contract unless the chief procurement officer
15 makes a written determination that the awarding of the contract is necessary without
16 delay to protect the substantial interests of the state. Upon such determination by the
17 chief procurement officer, no court shall enjoin progress under the award except after
18 notice and hearing.

19 G. Award of costs to protestants. In addition to any other relief, when the
20 protest is administratively or judicially sustained and the protesting bidder or
21 proposer should have been awarded the contract but is not, the protesting bidder or
22 proposer shall be entitled to the reasonable costs incurred in connection with the
23 solicitation, including bid or proposal preparation costs other than attorney fees,
24 provided that any administrative determination of such costs shall be subject to the
25 written concurrence of the attorney general.

26 §1367.3. Authority to debar or suspend

27 A. Applicability. This Section applies to a debarment, as defined in R.S.
28 39:1556(18), for cause from consideration for award of contracts or a suspension
29 from such consideration during an investigation where there is probable cause for
30 such a debarment.

1 B. Authority. After reasonable notice to the person involved and reasonable
2 opportunity for that person to be heard, the chief procurement officer shall have
3 authority to suspend or debar a person for cause from consideration for award of
4 contracts, provided that doing so is in the best interests of the state. The causes for
5 debarment are set forth in Subsection C of this Section. The chief procurement
6 officer may suspend a person from consideration for award of contracts if he
7 determines that there is probable cause to believe that such person has engaged in
8 any activity which might lead to debarment. The suspension shall not be for a period
9 exceeding six months. The authority to debar or suspend shall be exercised in
10 accordance with regulations as provided in R.S. 39:1673(B).

11 C. Causes for debarment. The causes for debarment include the following:

12 (1) Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to
13 obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the
14 performance of such contract or subcontract.

15 (2) Conviction under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery,
16 bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other
17 offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently,
18 seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a contractor.

19 (3) Conviction under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the
20 submission of bids or proposals.

21 (4) Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which
22 is regarded by the chief procurement officer to be so serious as to justify debarment
23 action:

24 (a) Deliberate failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the
25 specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract.

26 (b) A recent record of failure to perform or of unsatisfactory performance in
27 accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided that failure to perform
28 or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor
29 shall not be considered to be a basis for debarment.

1 C. Decision. If such a claim or controversy is not resolved by mutual
 2 agreement, the chief procurement officer or his designee shall promptly issue a
 3 decision in writing. The decision shall do all of the following:

4 (1) State the reasons for the action taken.

5 (2) Inform the contractor of its right to administrative and judicial review as
 6 provided in this Subpart.

7 D. Notice of decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection C of this
 8 Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the contractor.

9 E. Finality of decision. The decision under Subsection C of this Section
 10 shall be final and conclusive unless one of the following applies:

11 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

12 (2) The contractor has timely appealed administratively to the commissioner
 13 in accordance with R.S. 18:1367.8.

14 F. Failure to render timely decision. If the chief procurement officer or his
 15 designee does not issue the written decision required under Subsection C of this
 16 Section within sixty days after written request for a final decision, or within such
 17 longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties, then the contractor may proceed
 18 as if an adverse decision had been received.

19 §1367.5. Authority of the commissioner of administration

20 The commissioner of administration shall have the authority to review and
 21 determine any appeal by an aggrieved person from a determination by the state chief
 22 procurement officer or his designee which is authorized by R.S. 18:1367 or R.S.
 23 ~~18:1367.1.~~

24 §1367.6. Protest of solicitations or awards

25 A. Scope. This Section applies to an appeal addressed to the commissioner
 26 of a decision under R.S. 18:1367.2(C).

27 B. Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved person shall file an
 28 appeal within seven days of receipt of a decision under R.S. 18:1367.2(C).

29 C. Decision. On any appeal under Subsection A of this Section, the
 30 commissioner or his designee shall decide within seven days whether the solicitation

1 or award was in accordance with the constitution, statutes, regulations, and the terms
2 and conditions of the solicitation. The seven-day period provided for in this
3 Subsection shall not be extended. Any prior determinations by the state chief
4 procurement officer or his designee shall not be final or conclusive.

5 D. Notice of decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection C of this
6 Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the protestant or any
7 other party intervening.

8 E. Finality of decision. A decision under Subsection C of this Section shall
9 be final and conclusive unless one of the following applies:

10 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

11 (2) The person adversely affected by the decision has timely appealed to the
12 court in accordance with R.S. 18:1367.9(A).

13 §1367.7. Suspension or debarment proceedings

14 A. Scope. This Section applies to a review by the commissioner of a
15 decision under R.S. 18:1367.3.

16 B. Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved person shall file an
17 appeal with the commissioner within seven days of the receipt of a decision under
18 R.S. 18:1367.2(D). 1367.3(D)?

19 C. Decision. The commissioner or his designee shall decide within seven
20 days whether, or the extent to which, the debarment or suspension was in accordance
21 with the constitution, statutes, regulations, and the best interests of the state, and was
22 fair. Any prior determination by the state chief procurement officer or his designee
23 shall not be final or conclusive.

24 D. Notice of decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection C of this
25 Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the debarred or
26 suspended person or any other party interviewing.

27 E. Finality of decision. A decision under Subsection C of this Section shall
28 be final and conclusive unless one of the following applies:

29 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

1 (2) The debarred or suspended person has timely appealed an adverse
2 decision of the commissioner to the court in accordance with R.S. 18:1367.9(B).

3 §1367.8. Contract and breach of contract controversies

4 A. Scope. This Section applies to a review by the commissioner of a
5 decision under R.S. 18:1367.4.

6 B. Time limitation on filing an appeal. The aggrieved contractor shall file
7 an appeal with the commissioner within seven days of the receipt of the
8 determination under R.S. 18:1367.4(C).

9 C. Decision. The commissioner or his designee shall decide within seven
10 days the contract or breach of contract controversy. Any prior determination by the
11 state chief procurement officer or his designee shall not be final or conclusive.

12 D. Notice of decision. A copy of the decision under Subsection C of this
13 Section shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the contractor.

14 E. Finality of decision. A decision under Subsection C of this Section shall
15 be final and conclusive unless one of the following applies:

16 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

17 (2) The contractor has timely appealed an adverse decision of the
18 commissioner to the court in accordance with R.S. 18:1367.9(C).

19 §1367.9. Actions by or against the state in connection with contracts

20 A. Solicitation and award of contracts. The Nineteenth Judicial District
21 Court shall have exclusive venue over an action between the state and a bidder,
22 offeror, or contractor, prospective or actual, to determine whether a solicitation or
23 award of a contract is in accordance with the constitution, statutes, regulations, and
24 the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Such actions shall extend to all kinds of
25 actions, whether for monetary damages or for declaratory, injunctive, or other
26 equitable relief.

27 B. Debarment or suspension. The Nineteenth Judicial District Court shall
28 have exclusive venue over an action between the state and a person who is subject
29 to a suspension or debarment proceeding, to determine whether the debarment or

1 suspension is in accordance with the constitution, statutes, and regulations. Such
2 actions shall extend to actions for declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable relief.

3 C. Actions under contracts or for breach of contract. The Nineteenth Judicial
4 District Court shall have exclusive venue over an action between the state and a
5 contractor who contracts with the state, for any cause of action which arises under
6 or by virtue of the contract, whether the action is on the contract or for a breach of
7 the contract or whether the action is for declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable
8 relief.

9 D. Limited finality for administrative determinations. In any judicial action
10 under this Section, factual or legal determination by employees, agents, or other
11 persons appointed by the state shall have no finality and shall not be conclusive,
12 notwithstanding any contract provision, regulation, or rule of law to the contrary,
13 except to the extent provided in R.S. 18:1367.2(E), 1367.3(F), 1367.4(E), 1367.6(E),
14 1367.7(E), and 1367.8(E).

15 E. Writs or appeals; district court decisions. Any party aggrieved by a final
16 judgment or interlocutory order or ruling of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court
17 may appeal or seek review thereof, as the case may be, to the Court of Appeal, First
18 Circuit or the Supreme Court of Louisiana, as otherwise permitted in civil cases by
19 law and the constitution.

20 §1367.10. Commencement of actions

21 A. Protested solicitations and awards. Any action under R.S. 18:1367.9(A)
22 shall be commenced within fourteen days after receipt of the decision of the
23 commissioner under R.S. 18:1367.6(C).

24 B. Debarments and suspension for cause. Any action under R.S.
25 18:1367.9(B) shall be commenced within sixty days after receipt of the decision of
26 the commissioner under R.S. 18:1367.7(C).

27 C. Actions under contracts or for breach of contract controversies. Any
28 action under R.S. 18:1367.9(C) shall be commenced within sixty days after receipt
29 of the decision of the commissioner under R.S. 18:1367.8(C).

30 §1367.11. Trial; decision; appeal

1 A. ~~(1)~~ Actions objecting to the solicitation or award of a contract pursuant to
2 this Subpart shall be tried summarily, without a jury, and in open court. The trial
3 shall begin no later than fourteen days after suit is filed.

4 B. In all actions, the trial judge shall render judgment within seven days after
5 the case is submitted to him and shall indicate the date and time rendered on the
6 judgment. The clerk of the trial court shall immediately notify all parties or their
7 counsel of record by telephone and/or facsimile transmission of the judgment.

8 C. Within twenty-four hours after rendition of judgment, a party aggrieved
9 by the judgment may appeal by obtaining an order of appeal and giving bond for a
10 sum fixed by the court to secure the payment of costs. The clerk of the trial court
11 shall give notice of the order of appeal to the clerk of the court of appeal and to all
12 the parties or their counsel of record. The trial judge shall fix the return day at a time
13 not to exceed three days after rendition of judgment.

14 D. The clerk of the trial court shall prepare the record on appeal and transmit
15 it to the clerk of the court of appeal on the return day.

16 E. Immediately upon receipt of the record the clerk of the court of appeal
17 shall notify the parties and the case shall be heard no later than forty-eight hours after
18 the record is lodged with the court of appeal. Judgment shall be rendered within
19 twenty-four hours after the case is argued. The court of appeal shall indicate the date
20 and time rendered on the judgment. The clerk of the court of appeal shall
21 immediately notify all parties or their counsel of record by telephone and/or
22 facsimile transmission of the judgment.

23 F. An application to the supreme court for a writ of certiorari shall be made
24 within forty-eight hours after judgment is rendered by the court of appeal.

25 G. The appellate court may sit in panels of three or more as directed by the
26 chief judge.

27 H. No application for a new trial or for a rehearing shall be entertained by
28 any court, but a court, upon its own motion, may correct manifest error to which its
29 attention is called.

I. As used in this Subpart, judgment shall be deemed to have been rendered when signed by the judge.

§1367.12. Computation of time

Computation of all time intervals in this Chapter shall include Sundays and other legal holidays. However, if the time interval ends on a Sunday or other legal holiday, then noon of the next legal day shall be deemed to be the end of the time interval.

§1367.13. Code of Civil Procedure

Any procedural matter not specifically provided for in this Subpart shall be governed by the Code of Civil Procedure.

§1367.14. Termination

The provisions of this Subpart shall be null and void and have no effect beginning on June 30, 2027.

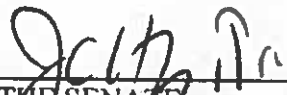
Section 2. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to designate R.S. 18:1361 through 1366 as Subpart A of Part II of Chapter 8 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

[NOTE: RS 18:1361-1366]



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HOUSE BILL NO. 351

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1401(G), relative to objections to candidacy; to provide for penalties for attesting to false information in a notice of candidacy; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1401(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

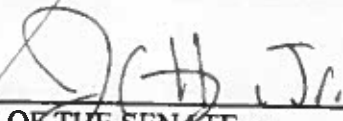
§1401. Objections to candidacy; contests of elections; contests of certification of recall petition; parties authorized to institute actions; penalties

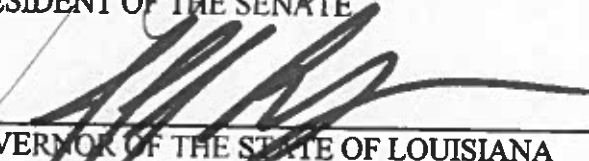
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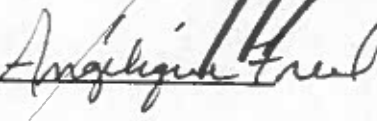
G. Upon a determination that a candidate knowingly attested to false information in a notice of candidacy, the court shall assess court costs and attorney fees, and the court may impose any other sanctions the court deems appropriate against the candidate.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


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SENATE BILL NO. 90

BY SENATORS EDMONDS, FESI, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, MILLER, REESE AND WOMACK

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

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1461.7(A)(10), relative to election offenses; to prohibit betting or wagering on elections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1461.7(A)(10) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1461.7. Miscellaneous election offenses; penalties

A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally:

* * *

(10) Participate in any bet or wager that is based upon any contingency whatsoever that arises from an election conducted pursuant to this Title, including any of the following:

(a) Making an offer to bet or wager on an election.

(b) Accepting a bet or wager on an election.

(c) Taking a share or monetary interest in a bet or wager on an election.

(d) Providing money to be used by another person in making a bet or wager on an election.

(e) Acting in any manner to become a party to a bet or wager on an election.

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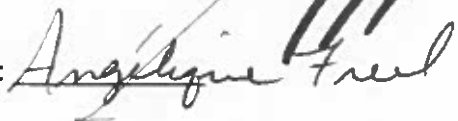
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 281

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~18:1462(A)(4)~~, relative to acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; to prohibit the wearing of campaign apparel; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1462(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1462. Acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; electioneering; intimidation; exceptions; enforcement; penalties

A. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the right to vote is a right that is essential to the effective operation of a democratic government. In order to preserve the integrity of its election process, and to protect the right of citizens to vote freely for the candidates of their choice, the state has a compelling interest in establishing a zone securing polling locations against certain conduct and activities, including voter intimidation, election fraud, confusion, and general disorder, that would interfere with the exercise of the right to vote. The legislature, therefore, enacts this Subsection to provide for a six hundred foot campaign-free zone around polling places to provide to each voter such an environment in which to exercise his right to vote. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any person, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., to perform or cause to be performed any of the following acts within any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet

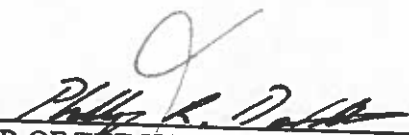
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of the entrance to any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting:


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(4) To place, wear, or display political signs, campaign apparel, pictures, or other forms of political advertising which advocate for or against any candidate, proposition, or political party appearing on the ballot in the election.

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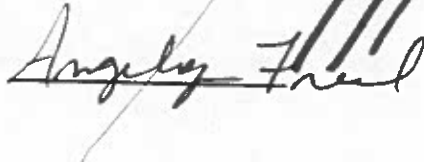
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ACT 37

2025 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 80

BY SENATOR MILLER

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462.1(B) and to enact R.S. 18:1462.1(D), relative to exit polling; to define exit polling; to provide for the conduct of exit polling; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1462.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1462.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1462.1. Registration of persons conducting exit polling during early voting or on election day; penalties

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B.(1) No person shall conduct an exit poll between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. within any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, or within a radius of six hundred feet of the entrance to any polling place being used in an election on election day or during early voting, unless the person conducting the polling has filed a registration statement with the secretary of state prior to the start of early voting or election day, as applicable. The registration statement may be filed in person, by facsimile, or by electronic mail.

(2) The exit poll shall be conducted in a nondisruptive manner.

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D.(1) "Exit poll" as used in this Section shall mean a poll of voters by a bona fide news gathering organization as defined in R.S. 44:3.1.1 leaving a polling place to gather basic demographic information and determine how voters voted on candidates and propositions in an election.

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(2) The term "exit poll" shall not be construed to include polls about races, propositions, or issues not on the ballot, or dissemination of information to voters.

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SENATE BILL NO. 4

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

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

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1470, relative to campaign advertising; to prohibit certain kinds of political advertising on public property; to authorize campaign signs on school athletic facilities and gymnasiums if paid for by the political candidate or campaign; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1470 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1470. Political advertising; prohibition; exception

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, no political campaign signs shall not be erected, displayed, or posted on any publicly owned property or right of way, or to or on any public utility pole or stanchion.

B. Subject to school board policy, political campaign signs may be erected, displayed, or posted in or on the premises of any public school athletic field or public school gymnasium if the erection, display, or posting is paid for by a political candidate or political campaign.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not create an exception to R.S. 18:1462, relative to prohibited acts during early voting or on election day.



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