
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Peterson to Reengrossed House Bill No. 692 by Representative Shadoin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "18:3" delete "(A)(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 19, after "18.3" delete "(A)(3)" and after "464(B)(3)," insert "467(3),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 2 through 6 and insert the following:

"A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, every petition submitted to a registrar of voters for certification shall contain the following information:

(1) The handwritten signature of the voter who is signing the petition; however, if a person is unable to write, the incapacitated person shall affix his mark to the petition and the person circulating the petition shall affix the name of the incapacitated person provided he does so in the presence of two witnesses who shall also sign their names as witnesses to the mark.

(2) The date the voter signed the petition.

(3) The signer's ward, precinct, and ~~date~~ year of birth.

(4) The address at which the signer is registered to vote, including municipal number, apartment number, rural route, and box number.

(5) Name of the signer either typed or legibly written.

(6) Name of the person who witnessed and who obtained the signature.

(7) Date on which the person witnessed and obtained the signature.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the notice of endorsement of a petition to be submitted to the registrar for certification may be made by hand delivery.

B C. Whenever the registrar is required to certify signatures on a petition pursuant to any provision of the constitution or laws of this state, the registrar shall not honor the written request of any voter or signatory who either desires to have his signature stricken from the petition or desires to have his signature added to the petition unless such addition or deletion is expressly authorized by law. The chairman or other person responsible for the filing of the petition with the registrar shall file notice with the registrar three days prior to submission of the petition for certification, unless such submission is done within three days prior to the expiration of the period for submission of the petition for certification. Such notice shall be a public record.

E D. In determining the number of persons signing the petition who are electors in the voting area for the purpose of certifying the petition, the registrar shall not include any person who has not affixed to the petition his signature and the address at which he is registered to vote, any person whose signature has not been verified by the registrar, or any person whose name does not appear on the registrar's roll of electors. To verify a signature on a petition, the registrar shall compare the handwritten signature on the petition with the signature on the original application card or any subsequent signature in the records of the registrar, including but not limited to precinct registers and affidavits filed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:111(C), or any microfilm, microfiche, or scanned or electronically captured computerized images of such documents. If the signatures are sufficiently alike to identify the person who signed the petition as the person who is the registered voter, the signature shall be verified. The signature of an elector shall include the surname under which the elector is registered to vote. The signature may include the elector's surname, first, and middle name, the initials of his surname, first, and middle name, or any combination thereof as the form in which his name appears on the petition, but shall not designate a title, designation, or deceptive name, nor shall it designate an occupational or professional

1 description or abbreviation. However, the signature of a married woman may include her
2 husband's surname, first, and middle name, the initials of his surname, first, and middle
3 name, or any combination thereof, preceded by the title "Mrs." as the form in which her
4 name appears on the petition, but only if she has registered under her husband's name
5 preceded by the title "Mrs."

6 D E. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to petitions for elections
7 to be held pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised
8 Statutes of 1950."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 4, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

11 "§467. Opening of qualifying period
12 The qualifying period for candidates in a primary election shall open:
13 * * *
14 (3) For candidates in a primary election for municipal and ward officers who
15 are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress in
16 municipalities with a population of less than three hundred thousand and those in any
17 special primary election to be held at the same time, on the ~~second~~ last Wednesday
18 in January of the year of the election, unless the primary election is held on the first
19 Saturday in March; in such case the qualifying period for candidates in such primary
20 election shall open on the first Wednesday in December of the year prior to the
21 election.
22 * * *"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 5

24 On page 12, line 12, after "463(A)(2)(a)(iii)," delete "467(3),"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 6

26 On page 12, delete lines 26 through 28 and on page 13, delete lines 1 through 9

27 AMENDMENT NO. 7

28 On page 20, line 10, delete "in ~~triplicate~~ duplicate"