The original instrument was prepared by Tim Prather. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that upon receipt of a notice of candidacy, the secretary of state or the clerk of court will endorse upon it the date and time of filing and either the amount of the qualifying fee paid by the candidate or a statement that a nominating petition was filed by the candidate.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:463) provides for the qualifications to become a candidate as well as the penalties associated with breach of such qualifications.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that upon receipt and acceptance of a notice of candidacy that meets the requirements of <u>present law</u>, the secretary of state or the clerk of court will endorse upon it the date and time of filing and either the amount of the qualifying fee paid by the candidate or a statement that a nominating petition was filed by the candidate.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the acceptance of a notice of candidacy that meets the requirements of <u>present law</u> by the secretary of state or the clerk of court is mandatory and ministerial and the secretary of state or the clerk of court do not have discretion to verify the qualifications of a potential candidate.

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

(Amends R.S. 18:470(A)(1))

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds emergency effective date.