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SB 218 Reengrossed

2020 Regular Session

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Present law requires that a person who desires to become a candidate in a primary election qualify as a candidate by timely filing notice of candidacy accompanied either by a nominating petition or by the qualifying fee and any additional fee imposed.

Present law provides that the notice of candidacy may be filed in any of the following ways:

- (1) In person by the candidate.
- (2) By certified mail or commercial carrier.
- (3) By an agent on behalf of the candidate.
- (4) By facsimile or electronic mail if filed by a candidate serving in the armed forces who is stationed or deployed outside of the U.S.

Proposed law requires that proof of identity, such as a La. driver's license, a La. special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the name, address, and signature of the candidate and, if applicable, the agent of the candidate, be submitted with the notice of candidacy.

Proposed law provides that for candidates who do not qualify in person, a copy of the proof of identity utilized by the candidate shall be retained by the clerk of court or the secretary of state.

Proposed law requires redaction of the audit code on the driver's license or special identification card, social security number, driver's license number, and day and month of the date of birth of the candidate.

Proposed law provides that if a candidate's address on his proof of identity is not the same as the candidate's address in the state voter registration computer system, the address on the proof of identity shall be entered into the database of the secretary of state and the difference in address shall be noted on the secretary of state's website.

Effective January 15, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 18:461(A)(2)(intro para); Adds R.S. 18:461(A)(4) and (5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires certain personal information be redacted from proof of identification.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Allows an agent of a candidate to provide proof of a candidate's identity.
2. Redacts certain information from the proof of identification provided by the candidate or his agent.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Limit the requirement to retain a redacted proof of identity to cases where the candidate does not qualify in person.
2. Add provision of proposed law regarding a difference in the addresses on the candidate's proof of identity and his voter registration.
3. Add provision for special effective date.