

SENATE BILL NO. 173

BY SENATOR BERNARD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:503 and to enact R.S. 18:503.1, relative to the withdrawal or  
3 disqualification of candidates or cancellation of a proposition; to provide for proper  
4 notice of withdrawal or disqualification if candidate's name is on the ballot; to  
5 provide for notice of cancellation of a proposition; to provide relative to the secretary  
6 of state; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:503 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:503.1 is hereby  
9 enacted to read as follows:

10 §503. Notice of withdrawal and disqualification

11 A.(1) If the early voting election ballot was prepared with a withdrawn  
12 candidate's name on it, the registrar of voters of any parish where such ballot will be  
13 used shall, to the extent possible **and upon direction of the secretary of state**, cause  
14 notice to be posted of the withdrawal of such candidate at any location for early  
15 voting where the candidate's name appears on the ballot. Failure to post such notice  
16 of withdrawal shall not void the election.

17 (2) If the early voting election ballot was prepared with the name of a  
18 candidate who has been disqualified by final judgment of a court prior to the close  
19 of early voting for the election, the registrar of voters of any parish where such ballot  
20 will be used shall, to the extent possible **and upon direction of the secretary of**

1 state, cause notice to be posted of the disqualification of the candidate at any  
2 location for early voting where the candidate's name appears on the ballot. Failure  
3 to post such notice of disqualification shall not void the election.

4 B.(1) If the election ballot was printed with a withdrawn candidate's name on  
5 it, the clerk of court of any parish where such ballot will be used shall, to the extent  
6 possible **and upon direction of the secretary of state**, cause notice to be posted of  
7 the withdrawal of such candidate at any polling place where the candidate's name  
8 appears on the ballot. Such notice shall be posted or placed adjacent to the precinct  
9 register so that it is clearly visible. The notice shall be capitalized and in bold typed  
10 print of not less than fourteen-point font. Failure to post such notice of withdrawal  
11 shall not void the election.

12 (2) If the election ballot was printed with the name of a candidate who has  
13 been disqualified by a final judgment of a court, the clerk of court of any parish  
14 where such ballot will be used shall, to the extent possible **and upon direction of**  
15 **the secretary of state**, cause notice to be posted of the disqualification of such  
16 candidate at any polling place where the candidate's name appears on the ballot. Such  
17 notice shall be posted or placed adjacent to the precinct register so that it is clearly  
18 visible. The notice shall be capitalized and in bold typed print of not less than  
19 fourteen-point font. Failure to post such notice of disqualification shall not void the  
20 election.

21 **§503.1. Notice of cancellation of proposition**

22 **A.(1) If the early voting election ballot was prepared with a proposition**  
23 **that has been canceled, the registrar of voters of any parish where such ballot**  
24 **will be used shall, to the extent possible and upon direction of the secretary of**  
25 **state, cause notice to be posted of the cancellation of the proposition at any**  
26 **location for early voting where the proposition appears on the ballot.**

27 **(2) If the election ballot was printed with a proposition that has been**  
28 **canceled, the clerk of court of any parish where such ballot will be used shall,**  
29 **to the extent possible and upon direction of the secretary of state, cause notice**  
30 **to be posted of the cancellation of the proposition at any polling place where the**

1            **proposition appears on the ballot. Such notice shall be posted or placed adjacent**  
2            **to the precinct register so that it is clearly visible. The notice shall be capitalized**  
3            **and in bold typed print of not less than fourteen-point font.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_