

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 281

BY SENATOR BERNARD

ELECTION CODE. Authorizes disclosure of the name and address of a law enforcement officer who has qualified as a candidate for office. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:154(D)(4) and to enact R.S. 18:154(D)(5), relative to

3 confidentiality of certain records for candidates; to provide for exceptions; and to

4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:154(D)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

7 18:154(D)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §154. Records open to inspection; copying; exceptions

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10 D. * * *

11 **(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the**

12 **registrar of voters, Department of State, and the clerk of court may disclose the**

13 **name and address of a law enforcement officer who has qualified as a candidate**

14 **for office between the date of qualifying of the candidate and the general**

15 **election.**

16 ~~(4)(5)~~ Any agency employing a law enforcement officer availing himself of

17 Paragraph (1) or (2) of this Subsection shall also issue decertification notices to the

1 registrar of voters and the secretary of state when the officer is no longer engaging
 2 in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to
 3 be kept confidential.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that the registrar of voters, Department of State, and clerk of court cannot disclose the name and address of a law enforcement officer, other than on a general list, if they have received certification from the officer's employing agency that the officer is engaging in hazardous activities to the extent that it is necessary for his name and address to be kept confidential.

Proposed law creates an exception to present law to allow the disclosure of the name and address of an officer otherwise entitled to confidentiality who has qualified as a candidate for office.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 18:154(D)(4); adds R.S. 18:154(D)(5))