

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1403.1, relative to contests and challenges of elections; to provide relative
3 to objections to candidacy, contests of certification of petitions; to provide relative
4 to the appointment of an ad hoc judge for election contests; to provide with respect
5 to judicial district requirements of an ad hoc judge appointment; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:1403.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§1403.1. Ad hoc judge requirement**

10 **When an action is brought objecting to the candidacy of a person who**
11 **qualified as a candidate for a local or municipal office, contesting an election**
12 **regarding a local or municipal office, contesting a nonstatewide proposition**
13 **election, or contesting the certification of a recall petition of a public officer**
14 **holding a local or municipal office, the supreme court shall appoint an ad hoc**
15 **judge from a different judicial district to preside over the matter. The ad hoc**
16 **judge so appointed shall be either a judge who serves or a retired judge who**
17 **served in a judicial district that is not adjacent to the judicial district in which**
18 **the action was instituted.**

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
20 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
21 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the

1 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
2 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____