

# ACT No. 495

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 342

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:464(B)(1) and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b), relative to qualifying for elections; to increase qualifying fees of certain candidates; to provide for nominating petitions; to provide for the number of required signatures for nominating petitions of certain state candidates; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:464(B)(1) and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§464. Qualifying fees; additional fees imposed by political party committees; financial statements

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B. Amount of qualifying fees. The qualifying fees for candidates in primary elections are:

(1) For state candidates -- ~~seven hundred fifty dollars for governor, two thousand five hundred dollars for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, and commissioner of insurance; three thousand five hundred dollars for United States senator; and one thousand five hundred dollars for United States representative;~~ four hundred fifty dollars for justice of the supreme court, judge of a court of appeal, and member of the public service commission, and six hundred dollars for all other state candidates.

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1 §465. Nominating petitions

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3 C. Number of signatures required. The number of qualified voters who must  
4 timely sign a nominating petition is:

(1) For a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state--~~five thousand~~  
two thousand five hundred, not less than ~~five hundred~~ two hundred fifty of which  
shall be from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided.

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9 (3) For a candidate for any of the following offices:

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(b) United States Representatives in Congress--~~one thousand~~ seven hundred  
fifty from within that district.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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