

2025 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Provides for qualifying fees for certain elections in 2026
(Item #1)

1AN ACT

2To enact Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be

3comprised of R.S. 18:419, relative to qualifying for congressional office in 2026; to

4provide for the amount of the qualifying fee for congressional office; and to provide

5for related matters.

6Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7Section 1. Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950,

8comprised of R.S. 18:419, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9Part I-B. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS HELD IN 2026

10§419. Qualifying fees for candidates for congressional office in 2026

11Notwithstanding R.S. 18:464(B)(1) or any other provision of law to the

12contrary, the qualifying fee for a candidate in a primary election in 2026 for United

13States senator or representative is six hundred dollars.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the qualifying fees for candidates in a primary election for United States representative or senator in 2026.

Present law (R.S. 18:464(B)(1)) provides for the qualifying fee for state candidates. Provides that the qualifying fee for a candidate in a primary election for United States representative is \$1,500. Further provides that the qualifying fee for a candidate in a primary election for United States senator is \$3,500.

Proposed law provides that the qualifying fee for a candidate in a primary election for United States representative in 2026 is \$600 instead of \$1,500.

Proposed law provides that the qualifying fee for a candidate in a primary election for United States senator in 2026 is \$600 instead of \$3,500.

(Adds R.S. 18:419)