

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 529

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

ELECTIONS: Removes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the definition of party primary office

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(9), relative to party primary offices; to remove the State
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the definition of party primary
4 office; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:2(9) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2. Definitions

8 As used in this Code, the following words and terms shall have the meanings
9 hereinafter ascribed to each, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

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11 (9) "Party primary office" means an office of senator or representative in the
12 United States Congress, justice of the supreme court, ~~the State Board of Elementary~~
13 ~~and Secondary Education~~, and the Public Service Commission.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) from the definition of party primary office.

Present law (R.S. 18:2(9)) provides for the offices that are defined as party primary offices and therefore subject to party primary elections. Provides that the party primary offices include the office of senator or representative in the U.S. Congress, justice of the supreme court, BESE, and the Public Service Commission.

Proposed law removes BESE from the definition of party primary office. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:2(9))