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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires a disclosure at the beginning of a telephone campaign communication when the communication is created using artificial intelligence, subject to civil penalties.

Present law (R.S. 18:1463.1) requires any telephone call or automated call expressly advocating support or opposition of a candidate, elected public official, or ballot proposition to identify the source of the call. Such requirement does not apply to any telephone call in which the individual making the call is not being paid and the individuals participating in the call knew each other prior to the call or a call that is presumed to be a scientific poll.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that no person shall make or cause to be made any telephone call or automated call provided for in present law which is created using artificial intelligence without providing a clear and understandable disclosure at the beginning of the call that it was created using artificial intelligence.

Present law provides that whoever violates present law may be punished by a civil fine not to exceed \$2,500. Upon a second or subsequent violation, the penalty shall be a civil fine not to exceed \$5,000.

Proposed law retains present law and applies the same to penalties to violations of proposed law.

Present law (R.S. 14:73.14) defines "artificial intelligence" as an artificial system developed in computer software, physical hardware, or other context that solves tasks requiring human-like perception, cognition, planning, learning, communication, or physical action.

Proposed law retains present law and applies the same definition to proposed law.

Proposed law requires the Board of Ethics to administer and enforce the provisions of present law and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 18:1463.1(D) and (E) and R.S. 42:1132(D); Adds R.S. 18:1463.1(F) and (G))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law provisions regarding the disclosure of the use of artificial intelligence in political materials.
2. Require the Board of Ethics to administer and enforce present law and proposed law provisions regarding required disclosures in telephone campaign communications.