

**GREEN SHEET REDIGEST**

**HB 359**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Beullieu**

**ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Provides relative to the death of a candidate for a party primary office who is not affiliated with a major political party.**

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DIGEST

Present law provides for qualifying for the general election for a party primary office for candidates not affiliated with a major political party. Provides for who is allowed to sign the nominating petition for a candidate not affiliated with a major political party.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if a person qualifies as a candidate pursuant to present law and subsequently dies after the close of the qualifying period, the candidate's name shall not be printed on the general election ballot. Provides that if the deceased candidate's name is printed on the ballot, any votes received for the deceased candidate shall be void and shall not be counted for any purpose.

Proposed law provides that when a major party candidate qualifies for the general election in a special election to fill an unexpired term and there are no other remaining candidates for the general election, the qualified candidate is declared elected and shall be certified.

(Adds R.S. 18:410.8(C) and 410.9(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Technical
2. Provides that when a major party candidate qualifies for the general election in a special election to fill an unexpired term and there are no other remaining candidates for the general election, the qualified candidate is declared elected and shall be certified.