DIGEST

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HB No. 193

Abstract: Repeals the prohibition against the recognition of a political party which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party".

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:441) provides requirements and procedures for a political party to become a recognized political party. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 18:441(B)(4)) provides that no political party shall be recognized which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party". <u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u>.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Repeals R.S. 18:441(B)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Adds effective date of January 1, 2015.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

- 1. Removes provisions of <u>proposed law</u> that would have provided relative to persons not affiliated with a recognized political party, in connection with voter registration, candidate qualifying, and election ballots.
- 2. Adds provisions repealing the <u>present law</u> prohibition against the recognition of a political party which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "the Independent Party".