

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 570

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for the change of party affiliation prior to the close of registration

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:521(B)(2), relative to the qualification of a voter to vote on  
3 a candidate for membership on a political party committee; to provide for the change  
4 of party registration prior to the close of registration; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:521(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §521. Qualifications of voters

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10 B.

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12 (2) The qualification of a voter to vote on a candidate for membership on a  
13 political party committee shall be subject to the following provisions:

14 (a) A change of party affiliation in his registration shall ~~not permit~~ qualify  
15 the registrant to vote for any candidate for membership on a committee of the  
16 political party to which he has thus affiliated ~~within thirty days after the date on~~  
17 ~~which the registrar notes the change on the original application form. During this~~  
18 ~~same period he may not~~ only if the change in the registrant's party affiliation is made  
19 prior to the close of registration as provided in R.S. 18:135. ~~vote for any candidate~~



Proposed law provides that if the change is made prior to the close of registration, whether it be 30 days prior to the election or 20 days in the case of electronic registration, he may vote on the membership of the political party committee of his new affiliation.

(Amends R.S. 18:521(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove present law and proposed law regarding ineligibility to vote party committee candidates in the renounced or abandoned party after registration is timely changed.