## **DIGEST**

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HB 351 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides penalties for when a candidate attests to false information in a notice of candidacy.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a qualified elector may bring an action objecting to candidacy under certain circumstances. Further provides for other contests and challenges.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law provides</u> that a candidate who attests to false information in a notice of candidacy shall have court costs and attorney fees assessed against them. Further provides that the court may impose further sanctions if deemed appropriate.

(Adds R.S. 18:1401(G))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Revise <u>proposed law</u> to provide that upon a determination that a candidate knowingly attested to false information in a notice of candidacy the court shall assess court costs and attorney fees and that the court may impose against the candidate any other sanction that the court deems appropriate.