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DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that a notice of candidacy for public office must include a certificate, signed by the candidate, certifying that the candidate does not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that for the purposes of <u>present law</u>, "outstanding fine, fee, or penalty" does not mean any fine, fee, or penalty that has been paid in full, or for which the candidate is in compliance with a payment plan established in writing between the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure and the candidate, or the Board of Ethics and the candidate, as applicable.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that for the purposes of <u>present law</u>, "outstanding fine, fee, or penalty" does not mean any fine, fee, or penalty that has been paid in full as of the time of the filing of the notice of candidacy, and deletes the provision of <u>present law</u> that excludes from the definition of "outstanding fine, fee, or penalty" a fine for which the candidate is in compliance with a payment plan but which has not been paid in full.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 18:463(A)(2)(c))