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HOUSE BILL NO. 643 (Substitute for House Bill No. 558 by Representative Johnson)

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1551 through 1555, relative to campaign finance; to provide certain special provisions applicable under certain specific circumstances when a candidate is deceased; to provide relative to contribution limitations under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part VIII of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 18:1551 through 1555, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART VIII. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR DECEASED CANDIDATES WITH DEFICITS

§1551. Exception

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Chapter, the provisions of this Part shall apply to circumstances existing when a candidate dies leaving a deficit which would have otherwise required reports to be filed if the candidate were not deceased.

§1552. Persons authorized to file reports

A. If the provisions of this Part are utilized, the personal representative of the estate of the deceased candidate shall be responsible for filing the required

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reports. The personal representative of the deceased candidate shall send notice to the supervisory committee of his intent to utilize the provisions of this Part to resolve the deficit of the deceased candidate.

B. For purposes of this Part, "personal representative" shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 9:2260.1.

§1553. Reports; contents; due dates

The reports shall be filed at the same time, shall contain the same information, and shall be certified correct in the same manner as reports required by this Chapter for candidates with deficits.

§1554. Contribution limitations

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:1505.2(H), the contribution limit for contributions to a deceased candidate who has a deficit, or the principal campaign committee of such a deceased candidate, shall be ten thousand dollars per calendar year until there is no deficit.

B. Any contributions received in excess of the deficit shall be returned to the contributors on a pro rata basis.

§1555. Penalties

A. The penalty provisions of Part V of this Chapter shall not be applicable to violations of this Part.

B. If a violation of this Part occurs, the supervisory committee shall notify the personal representative of the deceased candidate that each contribution received after the violation shall be returned to the contributor and that no further contributions, except contributions from a family member of the deceased candidate, may be solicited or received to resolve the deficit. For purposes of this Subsection, "family member" shall mean the spouse of the deceased, children of the deceased

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and their spouses, parents of the deceased, parents of the spouse of the deceased, grandparents of the deceased, siblings of the deceased and their spouses, and siblings of the parents of the deceased and their spouses.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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