

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 365

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Requires candidates for certain offices to receive ethics education prior to qualifying

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:461.1, relative to candidates for certain office; to require certain ethics
3 education and training prior to qualifying for certain candidates; to provide relative
4 to certifying such training; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:461.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §461.1. Ethics education requirement; certification for ethics education

8 A. Any person who desires to become a candidate for statewide elective
9 office or the office of state representative or state senator shall be required, prior to
10 filing his notice of candidacy for such an office, to obtain at least one hour of ethics
11 education and training in the same manner as required of public servants by R.S.
12 42:1170.

13 B. At the time a person who desires to become a candidate for statewide
14 elective office or the office of state representative or state senator files his notice of
15 candidacy, he shall certify that he has obtained at least one hour of ethics education
16 and training as required by this Section.

17 C. The certification required by this Section shall be designed by the Board
18 of Ethics in conjunction with the secretary of state and shall at minimum include the
19 assertion that all of the statements contained in it are true and correct, and it shall be
20 filed with the notice of candidacy.

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires candidates for statewide office and for the state legislature to obtain one hour of ethics education and training prior to filing a notice of candidacy and requires a candidate for such an office to file a certification that he has obtained the education when he files his notice of candidacy.

Present law provides relative to certain requirements to become a candidate.

Proposed law additionally requires candidates for statewide office and for the state legislature prior to qualifying to obtain at least one hour of ethics education and training in the same manner as required by present law (R.S. 42:1170) for all public servants. Proposed law further requires those candidates to certify that they have received such education and training. Proposed law requires the Board of Ethics to design the required certification in conjunction with the secretary of state and requires each certification to, at a minimum, include an assertion that all of the statements contained in it are true and correct. Requires the certification to be filed with the notice of candidacy.

Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 18:461.1)