
DIGEST

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HB No. 365

Abstract: Requires each candidate for statewide office and for the state legislature to certify that he has obtained at least one hour of ethics education and training and to file a certification of such with the Board of Ethics no later than the deadline for filing the personal financial disclosure statement.

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

Proposed law additionally requires each person who has qualified for a statewide elective office or the office of state representative or state senator to certify that he has obtained at least one hour of ethics education and training in the same manner as required of public servants by present law (ethics code-R.S. 42:1170) by executing a certification designed by the Board of Ethics. Proposed law requires the 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 Board of Ethics no later than the deadline for filing a financial disclosure statement filed pursuant to the present law (Campaign Finance Disclosure Act-R.S. 18:1495.7).

Proposed law further provides that the certification form and a notice to the candidate regarding the requirements and the availability of education and training shall be included in the informational packets for candidates provided for in present law (R.S. 18:463(D)).

Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 18:461.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Changes the deadline to file the certification from at the same time as filing the notice of candidacy to no later than the deadline for filing the personal financial disclosure statement required by the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.
2. Removes provision that the certification be designed in conjunction with the secretary of state.

3. Requires the certification form and a notice to the candidate regarding the ethics education requirement and availability of the education to be included in the informational packets for candidates.