

SENATE BILL NO. 417

BY SENATOR RISER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:461(A)(1), and to enact R.S. 18:461(A)(2)(d) and 463(A)(1)(d), relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for the manner of qualifying for elections for candidates serving outside of the United States in the armed forces; to provide relative to fees; to provide for filing by facsimile or electronic mail; to provide for qualifying with the secretary of state or a person in his office designated to receive qualifying papers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:461(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:461(A)(2)(d) and 463(A)(1)(d) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§461. Manner of qualifying

A.(1) A person who desires to become a candidate in a primary election shall qualify as a candidate by timely filing notice of his candidacy, which shall be accompanied either by a nominating petition or by the qualifying fee and any additional fee imposed. A candidate whose notice of candidacy is accompanied by a nominating petition shall not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee. **A candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States shall not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee.**

(2) The notice of candidacy may be filed in any of the following ways:

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(d) By facsimile or electronic mail if filed by a candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States.

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§463. Notice of candidacy; financial disclosure; political advertising; penalties

A.(1)(a) * * *

1 (d) When a candidate serving in the armed forces of the United States
2 who is stationed or deployed outside of the United States files his notice of
3 candidacy and does not pay any qualifying fees or any additional fee, he shall
4 file with the qualifying official a certification prepared by the secretary of state
5 certifying that at the time of qualifying he is serving in the armed forces of the
6 United States and he is stationed or deployed outside of the United States and
7 that he is eligible to become a candidate pursuant to United States Department
8 of Defense Directive 1344.10.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____