

Existing law provides relative to certain requirements to become a candidate. Existing law (ethics code-R.S. 42:1170) further requires each public servant (public employee and elected official) to obtain at least one hour of ethics education and training during each year of his public employment or term of office, as the case may be, and provides that this education and training may either be in person or via the Internet.

New law additionally requires each person who has qualified for a statewide elective office or the office of state representative or state senator to certify, by executing a certification designed by the Board of Ethics, that he has obtained at least one hour of ethics education and training in the same manner as required of public servants by existing law (ethics code). New law requires that the certification, 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 three business days following the close of the qualifying period for such office.

New 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 existing law (R.S. 18:463(D)).

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(Adds R.S. 18:461.1)