# SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

# **SB 208 By Senator Ward**

### KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ELECTION CODE. Prohibits a public officer who has been removed from office pursuant to a recall election from qualifying for the same office at a special election to fill the position. (8/1/14)

#### SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Clarifies that a public officer who has been recalled and removed from office is ineligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the vacancy created by the recall or removal.

### DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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<u>Present law</u> provides that when a majority of voters are in favor of the recall, the public officer is, ipso facto, recalled and removed from office, and the office will be vacated upon expiration of the time period for contesting the recall election, as provided in <u>present law</u>, if an action contesting the recall election is not commenced timely or when the final judgment becomes definitive if an action contesting the recall election is commenced timely, and the office will be filled as in the case of ordinary vacancies and according to the constitution and laws of the state.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a public officer who has been recalled and removed from office shall not be appointed to succeed himself in the office from which he was recalled and removed.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides that a public officer who has been recalled and removed from office shall be ineligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the vacancy created by the recall of such public officer.

(Amends R.S. 18:1300.13)	
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