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## Primary Election Data

| LEGIS RACE DATA                      | 10/14/2023 Primary |              | 10/12/2019 Primary |              | 10/24/2015 Primary |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                      | QTY                | %            | QTY                | %            | QTY                | %            |
| UNAPPOSED SD'S                       | 20                 | 51.3%        | 12                 | 30.8%        | 21                 | 53.8%        |
| UNAPPOSED HD'S                       | 49                 | 46.7%        | 40                 | 38.1%        | 54                 | 51.4%        |
| <b>TOTAL UNOPPOSED LEGIS</b>         | <b>69</b>          | <b>47.9%</b> | <b>52</b>          | <b>36.1%</b> | <b>75</b>          | <b>52.1%</b> |
| R'S ONLY SD RACES                    | 11                 | 28.2%        | 8                  | 20.5%        | 5                  | 12.8%        |
| R'S ONLY HD RACES                    | 24                 | 22.9%        | 21                 | 20.0%        | 15                 | 14.3%        |
| <b>TOTAL R'S ONLY LEGIS RACES</b>    | <b>35</b>          | <b>24.3%</b> | <b>29</b>          | <b>20.1%</b> | <b>20</b>          | <b>13.9%</b> |
| D'S ONLY SD RACES                    | 0                  | 0.0%         | 4                  | 10.3%        | 3                  | 7.7%         |
| D'S ONLY HD RACES                    | 12                 | 11.4%        | 10                 | 9.5%         | 13                 | 12.4%        |
| <b>TOTAL D'S ONLY LEGIS RACES</b>    | <b>12</b>          | <b>8.3%</b>  | <b>14</b>          | <b>9.7%</b>  | <b>16</b>          | <b>11.1%</b> |
| R+D SD RACES                         | 7                  |              | 11                 |              |                    |              |
| R+D HD RACES                         | 12                 |              | 22                 |              |                    |              |
| <b>TOTAL R+D LEGIS RACES</b>         | <b>19</b>          |              | <b>33</b>          |              | <b>0</b>           |              |
| R+O SD RACES                         | 0                  |              | 2                  |              |                    |              |
| R+O HD RACES                         | 3                  |              | 5                  |              |                    |              |
| <b>TOTAL R+O LEGIS RACES</b>         | <b>3</b>           |              | <b>7</b>           |              | <b>0</b>           |              |
| D+O SD RACES                         | 0                  |              | 1                  |              |                    |              |
| D+O HD RACES                         | 0                  |              | 3                  |              |                    |              |
| <b>TOTAL D+O LEGIS RACES</b>         | <b>0</b>           |              | <b>4</b>           |              | <b>0</b>           |              |
| R+D+O SD RACES                       | 1                  |              | 1                  |              |                    |              |
| R+D+O HD RACES                       | 5                  |              | 4                  |              |                    |              |
| <b>TOTAL R+D+O LEGIS RACES</b>       | <b>6</b>           |              | <b>5</b>           |              | <b>0</b>           |              |
| MULTI PARTY SD RACES                 | 8                  | 20.5%        | 15                 | 38.5%        | 10                 | 25.6%        |
| MULTI PARTY HD RACES                 | 20                 | 19.0%        | 34                 | 32.4%        | 23                 | 21.9%        |
| <b>TOTAL MULTI PARTY LEGIS RACES</b> | <b>28</b>          | <b>19.4%</b> | <b>49</b>          | <b>34.0%</b> | <b>33</b>          | <b>22.9%</b> |

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| <b>CONTESTED RACES</b>                       | <b>75</b> | <b>52.1%</b> | <b>92</b> | <b>63.9%</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>25.0%</b> |
| <b>GENERAL ELECTIONS UNDER HB 17</b>         | <b>28</b> | <b>37.3%</b> |           |              |           |              |
| *Percentage does not include unopposed races |           |              |           |              |           |              |

| LEGIS CANDIDATE DATA            |            |              |            |              |            |              |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| R SD CANDIDATES                 | 34         | 72.3%        | 41         | 56.9%        | 24         | 50.0%        |
| R HD CANDIDATES                 | 90         | 57.7%        | 106        | 54.1%        | 64         | 45.1%        |
| <b>TOTAL R LEGIS CANDIDATES</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>61.1%</b> | <b>147</b> | <b>54.9%</b> | <b>88</b>  | <b>46.3%</b> |
| D SD CANDIDATES                 | 12         | 25.5%        | 27         | 37.5%        | 19         | 39.6%        |
| D HD CANDIDATES                 | 58         | 37.2%        | 75         | 38.3%        | 75         | 52.8%        |
| <b>TOTAL D LEGIS CANDIDATES</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>34.5%</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>38.1%</b> | <b>94</b>  | <b>49.5%</b> |
| O SD CANDIDATES                 | 1          | 2.1%         | 4          | 5.6%         | 5          | 10.4%        |
| O HD CANDIDATES                 | 8          | 5.1%         | 15         | 7.7%         | 3          | 2.1%         |
| <b>TOTAL O LEGIS CANDIDATES</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>4.4%</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>7.1%</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>4.2%</b>  |
| TOTAL SD CANDIDATES             | 47         |              | 72         |              | 48         |              |
| TOTAL HD CANDIDATES             | 156        |              | 196        |              | 142        |              |
| <b>TOTAL LEIGIS CANDIDATES</b>  | <b>203</b> |              | <b>268</b> |              | <b>190</b> |              |

| <b>Election</b> | <b>OfficeTitle</b>   | <b>OfficeTitleDescription</b>                  | <b>BallotFirstName</b> | <b>BallotLastName</b> | <b>Party</b> | <b>Outcome</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Senator        | Democratic Party                               | Mary                   | Landrieu              | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Senator        | Libertarian Party                              | Richard                | Fontanesi             | Libertarian  | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Senator        | Republican Party                               | J. Jacques             | Boudreaux             | Republican   | Withdrew       |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Senator        | Republican Party                               | John                   | Kennedy               | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 1st Congressional District - Democratic Party  | 'Jim'                  | Harlan                | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 1st Congressional District - Democratic Party  | M.V. 'Vinny'           | Mendoza               | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 1st Congressional District - Republican Party  | 'Steve'                | Scalise               | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | James                  | Carter                | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Troy 'C'               | Carter                | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | James L. 'Jimmy'       | Fahrenholtz           | Democrat     | Withdrew       |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | William J.             | Jefferson             | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Byron L.               | Lee                   | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Helena                 | Moreno                | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Cedric                 | Richmond              | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Kenya J. H.            | Smith                 | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Green Party       | Malik                  | Rahim                 | Green        | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Libertarian Party | Gregory W.             | Kahn                  | Libertarian  | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District - Republican Party  | Anh 'Joseph'           | Cao                   | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 3rd Congressional District - Democratic Party  | 'Charlie'              | Melancon              | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Willie                 | Banks                 | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Paul J.                | Carmouche             | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Artis 'Doc'            | Cash                  | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Democratic Party  | John                   | Milkovich             | Democrat     |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Republican Party  | John                   | Fleming               | Republican   |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Republican Party  | 'Chris'                | Gorman                | Republican   |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District - Republican Party  | 'Jeff'                 | Thompson              | Republican   |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 5th Congressional District - Republican Party  | Rodney                 | Alexander             | Republican   |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 5th Congressional District - Republican Party  | Andrew                 | Clack                 | Republican   |                |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 6th Congressional District - Democratic Party  | 'Don'                  | Cazayoux              | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 6th Congressional District - Republican Party  | William 'Bill'         | Cassidy               | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 7th Congressional District - Democratic Party  | Donald 'Don'           | Cravins               | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 10/4/08         | U. S. Representative | 7th Congressional District - Republican Party  | Charles W.             | Boustany              | Republican   | Unopposed      |

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|-----------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Democratic Party                            | Neeson J.              | Chauvin               | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Democratic Party                            | Cary J.                | Deaton                | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Democratic Party                            | 'Charlie'              | Melancon              | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Libertarian Party                           | Anthony                | Gentile               | Libertarian  |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Libertarian Party                           | Randall Todd           | Hayes                 | Libertarian  |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Reform Party                                | William R.             | McShan                | Reform       | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Republican Party                            | Nick J.                | Accardo               | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Republican Party                            | Chet D.                | Traylor               | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Senator        | Republican Party                            | David                  | Vitter                | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 1st Congressional District-Democratic Party | Myron                  | Katz                  | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 1st Congressional District-Republican Party | 'Steve'                | Scalise               | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District-Democratic Party | Eugene                 | Green                 | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District-Democratic Party | Gary                   | Johnson               | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District-Democratic Party | Juan                   | LaFonta               | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District-Democratic Party | Cedric                 | Richmond              | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District-Republican Party | Norman Paul            | Billiot               | Republican   | Withdrew       |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 2nd Congressional District-Republican Party | 'Joseph'               | Cao                   | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 3rd Congressional District-Democratic Party | Ravi                   | Sangisetty            | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 3rd Congressional District-Republican Party | 'Hunt'                 | Downer                | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 3rd Congressional District-Republican Party | 'Jeff'                 | Landry                | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 3rd Congressional District-Republican Party | Kristian               | Magar                 | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District-Democratic Party | Steven Jude            | Gavi                  | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District-Democratic Party | David                  | Melville              | Democrat     |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 4th Congressional District-Republican Party | John                   | Fleming               | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 5th Congressional District-Republican Party | Rodney                 | Alexander             | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 5th Congressional District-Republican Party | Todd                   | Slavant               | Republican   |                |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 6th Congressional District-Democratic Party | Merritt E.             | McDonald              | Democrat     | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 6th Congressional District-Republican Party | William 'Bill'         | Cassidy               | Republican   | Unopposed      |
| 8/28/10         | U. S. Representative | 7th Congressional District-Republican Party | Charles W.             | Boustany              | Republican   | Unopposed      |

**RS 18:441**

## PART III. POLITICAL PARTIES

## §441. Recognition

A. A political party shall be recognized in this state pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B or C of this Section.

B.(1) A political party shall be recognized if ninety days prior to the opening of the qualifying period for any election at least one thousand registered voters in the state are registered as being affiliated with such political party; such political party has filed a notarized registration statement as described in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection with the secretary of state; and the political party has paid a registration fee of one thousand dollars to the secretary of state upon filing the registration statement. The political party designation of a candidate shall not be listed on the ballot unless the political party was recognized prior to the close of qualifying for the office the candidate is seeking.

(2) The registration statement filed with the secretary of state by a political party shall be sworn to by an officer of the party, notarized, and shall include the following information:

(a) The name of the political party.

(b) The mailing address of the party within the state of Louisiana.

(c) If the party is affiliated with a national political party, the name of the national party and the address of its national headquarters.

(d) The names, addresses, and official titles of the party's state officers in Louisiana.

(e) A copy of the party's emblem, if any.

(f) Copies of the state party's charter or constitution, its governing bylaws, rules, and regulations.

(3) No registration statement of a political party shall be accepted by the secretary of state, if the secretary of state finds any of the following defects:

(a) The name of the party is identical to or deceptively similar to the name of any other existing political party.

(b) The name of the party is deliberately misleading or fraudulent in any respect.

(c) An emblem submitted by the party is deceptively similar to an emblem or trademark of any other existing political party.

(4) Repealed by Acts 2014, No. 152, §1, and Acts 2014, No. 594, §1. eff. Jan. 1, 2015.

(5) Any person aggrieved by the filing of a registration statement pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection alleged to be false, fraudulent, deceptive, substantially misleading, or otherwise prohibited by Paragraph (3) of this Subsection may, within two years of such filing, object to the filing in writing to the secretary of state. The secretary of state, upon determination that the registration statement is defective, shall declare such registration statement null and void, and such political party shall no longer be considered as recognized.

(6) A political party that has been recognized pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall cease to be a recognized political party if no registered member of the party qualifies as a candidate in a primary election for any period of four consecutive years.

(7) The secretary of state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Section. Any act or omission of the secretary of state in the implementation of the provisions of this Subsection shall be reviewable upon filing a petition for judicial review in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

C.(1) A political party shall be recognized if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least five percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least five percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election.

(2) A political party that has received recognition pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall no longer be recognized if, within any period of four consecutive years, the party no longer complies with the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

D.(1) A political party that has received recognition pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall not be entitled to representation on a parish board of election supervisors, nor shall such party be subject to the provisions of R.S. 18:443 through 446, unless at least five percent of the registered voters in the state are registered as being affiliated with such political party. A political party that has been recognized pursuant to Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section shall not be entitled to representation on a parish board of election supervisors nor be subject to the provisions of R.S. 18:443 through 446 unless such candidate as provided for in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section received at least ten percent of the votes cast for such office in the most recent election in which a candidate for such party received the number of votes as specified in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section.

(2) Any political party recognized pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section shall not be considered to be a recognized political party pursuant to R.S. 18:1505.2(H).

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2004, No. 889, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2006, No. 403, §1, eff. June 15, 2006; Acts 2014, No. 152, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2015; Acts 2014, No. 594, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2015.

**RS 18:461****SUBPART B. QUALIFYING FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION****§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 and shall provide proof of identity in the form of a valid Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. 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:

(a) In person by the candidate.

(b) By certified mail or commercial carrier, provided the notice is received within the qualifying period provided by law by the qualifying official.

(c) By an agent on behalf of the candidate.

(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.

(3) No person, whether or not currently registered as a voter with the registrar of voters, shall qualify to become a candidate if he is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

(4)(a) If a notice of candidacy is filed pursuant to Paragraph (2)(a) of this Subsection, the qualifying official shall compare the name and address on the proof of identity with the information on the notice of candidacy, shall make a notation in the database of the secretary of state if the address on the proof of identity is different than the address on the notice of candidacy, and shall return the proof of identity to the candidate.

(b) If a notice of candidacy is filed pursuant to Paragraph (2)(b) or (d) of this Subsection, a copy of the candidate's proof of identity shall be sent to the qualifying official with the notice of candidacy. The qualifying official shall compare the name and address shown on the copy of the proof of identity with the information on the notice of candidacy, shall make a notation in the database of the secretary of state if the address on the copy of the proof of identity is different than the address on the notice of candidacy, and shall destroy the copy of the proof of identity.

(c)(i) If a notice of candidacy is filed pursuant to Paragraph (2)(c) of this Subsection, a copy of the candidate's proof of identity shall be provided by the agent to the qualifying official with the notice of candidacy. The qualifying official shall compare the name and address shown on the copy of the candidate's proof of identity with the information on the notice of candidacy, shall make a notation in the database of the secretary of state if the address on the copy of the candidate's proof of identity is different than the address on the notice of candidacy, and shall destroy the copy of the candidate's proof of identity.

(ii) In addition, the agent shall provide proof of his identity in the form of a valid Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana special identification card issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1321 to the qualifying official. The qualifying official shall compare the name and address shown on the agent's proof of identity with the information on the agent's affidavit and shall return the agent's proof of identity to the agent.

(5) When the address on the proof of identity of a candidate is different than the candidate's address on the notice of candidacy, the secretary of state shall make a notation that there is a difference on any list on his website which contains the name of the candidate.

B. When a candidate has filed multiple notices of candidacy for election to more than one office at the same election, which multiple candidacies would be in violation of R.S. 18:453, the candidate shall be disqualified as a candidate in all the primary and general elections for all but the last of such offices for which he filed notices of candidacy. The secretary of state shall include the name of the candidate on the ballot for election to the last of such offices for which the candidate filed notices of candidacy and to no other such office for which dual candidacy would be prohibited.

Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1979, No. 229, §1, eff. July 13, 1979; Acts 1984, No. 672, §1; Acts 1988, No. 140, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1999, No. 254, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 47, §1; Acts 2006, No. 598, §1; Acts 2012, No. 778, §1, eff. June 12, 2012; Acts 2014, No. 63, §1, eff. May 16, 2014; Acts 2020, No. 312, §1, eff. Jan. 15, 2021.

**RS 18:465**

## §465. Nominating petitions

A. Time and place of filing. A nominating petition shall be filed with the official with whom the candidate qualifies and shall accompany the notice of candidacy.

B. Method of nominating candidates. A person may only be nominated as a candidate in a primary election by persons who are registered to vote on the office he seeks who sign a nominating petition for him no more than one hundred twenty days before the qualifying period opens for candidates in the primary election.

In addition to his signature, each voter who signs a nominating petition shall date his signature and shall provide the ward and precinct in which he is registered to vote, his residence address, including the municipal number, the apartment number, if any, the rural route and box number, or any other physical description that will identify his actual place of residence. Once a voter has signed a nominating petition, he may not withdraw the nomination. The secretary of state shall prepare forms which may be used by any person who seeks nomination as a candidate by nominating petition. The secretary of state shall furnish copies of the forms to each clerk of court, and the forms shall be available, upon request, at the office of the secretary of state or at the office of the clerk of court. Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to require nominating petitions to be filed only on forms prepared by the secretary of state.

C. Number of signatures required. The number of qualified voters who must timely sign a nominating petition is:

(1) For a candidate for an office voted on throughout the state--five thousand, not less than five hundred of which shall be from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided.

(2) For a candidate for membership on the Public Service Commission--one thousand from within that district.

(3) For a candidate for any of the following offices:

(a) Louisiana Supreme Court Justice--one thousand from within that district.

(b) United States Representatives in Congress--one thousand from within that district.

(c) Member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education--one thousand from within that district.

(d) Judge of a court of appeal--five hundred from within that district.

(e) Any officer elected from throughout a judicial district--five hundred from within the district.

(f) Louisiana Senate--five hundred from within the senatorial district.

(g) Louisiana House of Representatives--four hundred from within the representative district.

(h) Any officer elected from throughout a parish--four hundred.

(i) Any officer elected from throughout a ward--one hundred for member of a parish governing authority and for member of a parish or city school board and one hundred for any other.

(4) For a candidate for a municipal office--fifty in a municipality having a population of five thousand or less, two hundred in a municipality having a population of more than five thousand but less than twenty-five thousand, three hundred in a municipality having a population of twenty-five thousand or more but less than fifty thousand, five hundred in a municipality having a population of fifty thousand or more but less than one hundred thousand, seven hundred fifty in a municipality having a population of one hundred thousand or more but less than three hundred thousand, and one thousand in a municipality having a population of three hundred thousand or more.

(5) For a candidate for membership on a political party committee - the lesser of four hundred or ten percent of the qualified voters in the voting area who are registered as being affiliated with the same political party as the candidate.

(6) Any office not hereinabove provided for shall require the signatures of at least one-half of one percent of the registered voters in the voting area from which the officer is elected. The number of signatures of registered voters required shall be calculated based on the number of voters who are registered thirty days before the qualifying period ends.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, if qualifying for any public office is reopened pursuant to R.S. 18:469(A) after the death of a candidate - twenty-five in the area from which the

public officer is elected.

D. Form. Each sheet of the nominating petition shall set forth the candidate's name, the address of his domicile, the office for which the signers nominate him, the political party with which he is affiliated, if any, and the date of the primary election for which he seeks to qualify. The name of each voter who signed the nominating petition shall be typed or legibly written on the petition, and each signature on the nominating petition shall be dated and witnessed by the candidate or the person who obtained the signature on his behalf.

The candidate and all persons who obtained signatures on his behalf shall certify on the nominating petition that to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief all of the signatures on the nominating petition are genuine and all of the statements contained in the nominating petition are true and correct.

E. Certification. (1)(a) A nominating petition shall be submitted to the registrars of voters in the parishes where the signers reside. A nominating petition shall be submitted to the registrars in such parishes not less than thirty days before the qualifying period ends for candidates in the primary election or, in the case of presidential electors, in the presidential election, except that in a special election called pursuant to R.S. 18:402(E), 601(A)(2), or 1279, a nominating petition shall be submitted by the candidate to the registrars of voters in such parishes not less than fourteen days before the qualifying period ends for candidates in the special election. If the final day for submitting a nominating petition to the registrars of voters falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be deemed to be the final day for submitting the nominating petition.

(b) In the case of an election for which qualifying has been reopened pursuant to R.S. 18:469(A) after the death of a candidate, the nominating petition shall be submitted by the candidate during such qualifying period to the registrars of voters in the parishes where the signers reside.

(2) The registrar for each parish shall endorse upon the nominating petitions, whether original or supplemental, the date and time of submission and shall promptly certify the nominating petitions, in the order received, by determining and certifying on each nominating petition which of the signers who provided a residence address in the parish signed the nominating petition timely and are registered to vote on the office the candidate seeks. A supplemental nominating petition shall be certified in the order in which it is received, without regard to the time when the original nominating petition for that candidate was submitted. A registrar may stop certifying the signatures on a nominating petition when the total number of the signers he has certified as having signed the petition timely and as being registered to vote on the office the candidate seeks equals one hundred fifteen percent of the number of qualified voters required to nominate the candidate for the office he seeks. A registrar's certification shall be conclusive as to the number of qualified voters who timely signed a nominating petition, and evidence to the contrary shall not be admitted in an action objecting to the candidacy of the candidate who filed the nominating petition.

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