

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

JUDGES. Provides for appointment of an ad hoc judge for election contests and challenges.
(8/1/24)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1401(G), relative to contests and challenges of elections; to provide relative to objections to candidacy, contests of certification of petitions; to provide relative to the appointment of an ad hoc judge for election contests; to provide with respect to judicial district requirements of an ad hoc judge appointment; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1401(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1401. Objections to candidacy; contests of elections; contests of certification of recall petition; parties authorized to institute actions

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G. When there is an objection to candidacy, contest of an election, or contest of a certification of petition pursuant to this Section, the Supreme Court of Louisiana shall appoint as an ad hoc judge, a sitting or retired judge whose judicial district is noncontiguous and nonadjacent to the parish in which the election challenge or contest initiated.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Hanna Gettys.

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Present law (R.S. 18:1401) provides the procedure for objections to candidacy, election contests and challenges.

The Supreme Court of La. provides general administrative rules for all La. courts including the appointment of ad hoc judges.

Proposed law provides that when there is an objection to candidacy, contest of an election, or contest of a certification of petition pursuant to present law, the Supreme Court of La. shall appoint as an ad hoc judge, a sitting or retired judge whose judicial district is noncontiguous and nonadjacent to the parish in which the election challenge or contest initiated.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 18:1401(G))