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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2024 First Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Freeman to Engrossed House Bill No. 17 by Representative Emerson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 3, line 24, between "with any" and "political party" insert "recognized"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 4, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

5 "C.(1) A party that does not allow voters who are not affiliated with  
6 a recognized political party to vote in its party primary shall pay a fee to the  
7 state of Louisiana, which fee is hereby imposed.

8 (2) The amount of the fee shall be calculated as follows: the total  
9 cost of the election shall be multiplied by a percentage that equals the  
10 percentage of voters eligible to vote in the party primary who were excluded  
11 from the party primary by party bylaws. The product of the total cost of the  
12 election multiplied by the percentage of voters who were excluded from  
13 participation is the amount of the fee.

14 (3) It is hereby declared a ministerial duty of the secretary of state to perform  
15 the following functions on behalf of the state of Louisiana to facilitate collecting the  
16 fee imposed by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection: to calculate the amount of the fee  
17 owed by each party in each election, to notify the party of the amount owed, to  
18 collect the fee on behalf of the state of Louisiana, and to provide for the deposit of  
19 such funds into the treasury for credit to the state general fund."