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Abstract: Relative to objections to candidacy of individuals running for elective office, authorizes, rather than requires, a district attorney to review evidence presented by a registered voter. Also authorizes, rather than requires, a district attorney who finds that there are grounds for objecting to file an objection.

Present law authorizes a registered voter to bring an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election for an office for which the registered voter is qualified to vote. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes a registered voter to present evidence that a candidate has illegally qualified for elective office and specifically authorizes the presentation of such evidence to the district attorney. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the district attorney to determine whether or not the evidence presented establishes grounds for objecting to such candidacy. Proposed law authorizes, rather than requires, the district attorney to make such a determination.

Present law requires the district attorney to file an action objecting to candidacy if he determines that there are grounds for objecting to the candidacy. Proposed law authorizes, rather than requires, the district attorney to file the action if he determines there are grounds for the objection.

Present law requires a district attorney who finds that a convicted felon has filed a notice of candidacy to file an objection to the candidacy. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:491(B))