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HOUSE BILL NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM MORRIS (BY REQUEST)

MUNICIPAL/LAWRASON ACT: Precludes a person who owes a past due debt to the municipality from running for mayor or alderman in a Lawrason Act municipality

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:384 and 385(A), relative to qualifications of a candidate for
3 mayor or alderman in a municipality governed by a mayor-board of alderman form
4 of government; to prohibit a person who owes a debt that is past due to a
5 municipality from qualifying as a candidate for mayor or alderman of the
6 municipality; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:384 and 385(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §384. Qualifications of mayor

11 A. The mayor shall be an elector of the municipality who at the time of
12 qualification as a candidate for the office of mayor shall have been domiciled and
13 actually resided for at least the immediately preceding year in the municipality.

14 B. No person who owes a debt that is past due to the municipality shall
15 qualify as a candidate for mayor of the municipality.

16 §385. Qualifications of alderman; vacancies; office holding; contracting

17 A.(1) The qualifications of the aldermen shall be the same as are prescribed
18 for the mayor, and in addition, those elected from wards must be residents of their
19 respective wards.

1 (2) No person who owes a debt that is past due to the municipality shall
2 qualify as a candidate for alderman of the municipality.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits a person who owes a debt that is past due to a Lawrason Act (mayor-board of aldermen) municipality from qualifying as a candidate for mayor or alderman of the municipality.

Present law provides qualifications for mayor and alderman in a municipality governed by the mayor-board of alderman form of government. Provides that the mayor shall be an elector of the municipality who, at the time of qualification as a candidate, has been domiciled and actually resided for at least the immediately preceding year in the municipality. Provides that qualifications for alderman are the same as those for mayor and that an alderman elected from a ward must be a resident of the ward. Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that no person who owes a debt that is past due to a municipality shall qualify as a candidate for mayor or alderman of the municipality.

(Amends R.S. 33:384 and 385(A))