2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

ELECTIONS/BALLOTS: Provides that the party affiliation for candidates for judicial office shall not be printed on the ballot

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:551(D), relative to election ballots; to provide relative to
3	designating a candidate's political party on ballots; to prohibit such designation on
4	ballots for certain candidates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 18:551(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§551. Ballots
9	* * *
10	D. Political party designation. (1) The political party designation of a
11	candidate who is registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party shall
12	be listed on the primary or general election ballot on the same line and immediately
13	after or below the candidate's name. If a candidate is affiliated with a political party,
14	but such party is not a recognized political party, the word "other" shall be placed
15	after his name. If a candidate is not affiliated with any political party, the words "no
16	party" or an abbreviation thereof shall be placed after his name. The secretary of
17	state shall promulgate and adopt rules as necessary to effectuate the provisions and
18	purposes of this Subsection.

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1	(2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the political party
2	designation of a candidate for any judicial office shall not be listed on the primary
3	or general election ballot.
4	* * *
5	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on February 15, 2023.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits indication of political party of judicial candidates on ballots.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the political party designation of a candidate shall be listed on the primary or general election ballot on the same line and immediately after or below the candidate's name.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but prohibits listing the political party designation of judicial candidates on ballots.

Effective Feb. 15, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 18:551(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and</u> <u>Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:
- 1. Add an effective date of Feb. 15, 2023.