

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 671

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES: Provides relative to persons who are seeking elective office and who have been temporarily displaced by an emergency

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:451.3, relative to qualifying for elective office; to limit the
3 exception to residency requirements for persons displaced by gubernatorially
4 declared emergencies; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:451.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §451.3. Displaced persons seeking to qualify; domicile, residence

8 ~~In the event~~ If the qualifications for an office include a residency or ~~domicile~~
9 domiciliary requirement, any person who is seeking election to such office and who
10 has been involuntarily displaced from his ~~place of~~ residence or domicile by the
11 effects of a gubernatorially declared state of emergency shall not be considered to
12 have vacated his domicile or residence for purposes of qualifying for ~~or~~ and
13 subsequently holding office, unless ~~he has either~~ any of the following is true:

14 (1) He has established a new domicile.

15 (2) ~~or~~ He has changed his registration to an address outside the voting
16 district in which he seeks election.

17 (3) One year has passed since the end of the declared state of emergency.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that if it has been more than one year since the emergency, the exception to residency requirements for those seeking elective office, which exception is applicable to persons displaced by a declared emergency, is not applicable.

Present law provides that a person who has been involuntarily displaced from his residence or domicile by a gubernatorially declared emergency shall still be considered a resident at his permanent residence for purposes of seeking election to a public office which has a residency or domiciliary requirement; however, present law does not apply to a person who has established a new domicile or changed his registration. Proposed law provides that present law does not apply if it has been more than one year since the emergency.

(Amends R.S. 18:451.3)