SLS 24RS-276 **ENGROSSED**

2024 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 198

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

ELECTION CODE. Provides relative to prohibitions to dual candidacy. (8/1/24)

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 18:453(D), relative to dual candidacy; to provide for an exception for a
3	senator or representative in the United States Congress for certain offices; and to
4	provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 18:453(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§453. Dual candidacy
8	* * *
9	D. President or vice president of the United States. Notwithstanding the
10	provisions of Subsection A of this Section, a senator or representative in the
11	United States Congress who has been nominated as a candidate for president
12	or vice president of the United States may become a candidate in a primary or
13	general election for either office in addition to the office he holds that is set to
14	be decided at the same election.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides that a person shall not become a candidate in a primary or general election for more than one office unless one of the offices is membership on a political party committee.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that a person shall not be a candidate at the same time for two or more different offices to be filled at separate elections.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception to <u>present law</u> for a senator or representative in the United States Congress who has been nominated as a candidate for president or vice president of the United States and allows that member to become a candidate for either office in addition to being a candidate for the office the member currently holds.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 18:453(D))