

POTPOURRI

Department of State Elections Program

Public Hearing — Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule — Recognition of Political Parties (LAC 31:I.905)

Under the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) and under the authority of R.S. 18:441 and R.S. 36:742, the Department of State published a Notice of Intent to amend the rules regarding recognition of Political Parties in the September 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. If a political party wants to register as a recognized political party, they are required to procure a statewide list of all voters who are registered as being affiliated with the political party from the department. Consideration was given to an Advisory Opinion made by the Department of Justice concerning the fee for printing a list at an estimated cost of \$20. The original proposal for Section 905 is being resubmitted, as revised, for publication in the Potpourri Section of the *Louisiana Register*. The Department of State must make a substantive change to the LAC citation from LAC 31:II.105.C to LAC 31:II.105.C.1. Since these are the current fees, the original impact statement will still be applicable per our discussion with the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Title 31 ELECTIONS

Part I. Election Process

Chapter 9. Recognition of Political Parties

§905. Political Party Recognition Based on Registered Voters

A. . . .

B. The political party shall be required to purchase from the Department of State a statewide list of all voters who are registered as being affiliated with the political party in the state of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of LAC 31:II.105.C.1 (Sale of Voter Registration Lists). The list of registered voters shall be dated by the department.

C-D. . . .

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 18:441 and R.S. 36:742.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of State, Elections Division, LR 34:703 (April 2008), amended LR 45:

Public Hearing

In accordance with R.S. 49:968(H)(2), a public hearing on the proposed revisions to the Notice of Intent will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time, all interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing. All comments must be received in writing in order to be submitted to legislative oversight committees. Interested persons may submit written comments to Steve Hawkland, Attorney, Legal Division, Department of State, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125. He will be responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the proposed Rule. The deadline for the

Department of State to receive written comments is 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2019 after the public hearing.



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