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The Honorable Senator Cleo Fields
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The Honorable Representative Gerald "Beau"
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Re: Promulgation of Rules Regarding Reporting for a Tie Vote (LAC 52: I. Chapter 16, Louisiana Register, Volume 50, No. 9, September 20, 2024, Page 1301-1302)

Dear Senator Fields and Representative Beullieu:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Louisiana Board of Ethics reports that no public hearing has been or will be held as to the proposed regulations concerning the reporting for a tie vote. The deadline to submit comments or request a public hearing for the proposed rule was October 10, 2024. No one submitted comments or requested a public hearing; therefore, no public hearing was scheduled.

If you would like to schedule a hearing before your respective Committee to consider the proposed rules, please contact Kristy Gary, Deputy Ethics Administrator, or myself to provide such assistance as is necessary under these circumstances. Upon receiving a favorable recommendation, the Louisiana Board of Ethics anticipates the final rule will be published on February 20, 2025.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

David M. Bordelon
For the Board

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Civil Service
Board of Ethics**

Campaign Finance: Reporting for a Tie Vote
(LAC 52:I.1615)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, has initiated rulemaking procedures and is proposing to adopt a rule regarding the reporting requirements for candidates and political committees participating in an additional election following a tie vote or court ordered election.

Title 52

ETHICS

Part I. Board of Ethics

**Chapter 16. The Board as Supervisory Committee of
the Louisiana Campaign Finance
Disclosure Act**

§1615. Reporting for a Tie Vote

A. If there is a tie vote in a general election, candidates, political committees and other persons required to file campaign finance disclosure reports, shall file the following additional reports:

1. Special Reports for the twenty-day period preceding the tie vote election pursuant to R.S. 18:512. The

Special Reports shall be filed as required by R.S. 18:1491.6C and La. R.S. 18:1495.4C.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 42:1134(A).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Civil Service, Board of Ethics, LR 50:

Family Impact Statement

The proposed rule changes have no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy, as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule changes have no known impact on poverty, as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed Rule should not have any known or adverse impact on small business as described in R.S. 49:978.5.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Interested persons may direct their comments to Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, telephone (225) 219-5600, until 4:45 p.m. on October 10, 2024.

Kathleen M. Allen
Ethics Administrator

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Campaign Finance: Reporting for a Tie
Vote**

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)
The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any cost or savings to the state or local government units, other than the cost to publish the Notice of Intent and the rule in the State Register.
The proposed rule codifies Act 136 of the 2024 Regular Session, which provides for reporting requirements for candidates and political committees participating in an additional election following a tie vote or court ordered elections following an election contest.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
The proposed rule change has no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
The proposed rule change may increase those persons required to file a campaign finance disclosure report if there is a tie vote in a general election, but should not have a fiscal impact on these groups.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
The proposed rule change has no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

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