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## DIGEST

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HB No. 405

**Abstract:** Allows violations of the prohibition on campaign contributions through or in the name of another to be commenced within one year of discovery (as long as it is commenced within three years of the date of the violation). Specifies that the one-year period is prescriptive and may be suspended, interrupted, or renounced.

Present law provides that actions for violations of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act shall be commenced before three years have elapsed from the date of the violation or, if the violation is contained in a report, before one year has elapsed from filing of the relevant report.

Present law (R.S. 18:1505.2(A)) prohibits a person from giving, furnishing, or contributing monies, materials, supplies, or making loans to or in support of a candidate or to any political committee, through or in the name of another, directly or indirectly.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that an action for a violation of present law (R.S. 18:1505.2(A)) shall be commenced within one year of discovery by the supervisory committee. Specifically provides that the one-year period shall be prescriptive. Provides that the prescriptive period may be suspended, interrupted, or renounced. Provides that the prescriptive period shall be suspended by the following:

- (1) The subject of the investigation or complaint files any pleading or proceeding in a state or federal court or with the ethics adjudicatory board that is related to the matter under investigation and that has the effect of delaying or impeding the proceeding.
- (2) The subject of the investigation or complaint fails to comply with a subpoena or other request from the supervisory committee for information related to or in connection with the investigation of the supervisory committee.
- (3) The subject of the investigation or complaint consents in writing to the suspension of the prescriptive period.

Proposed law further provides that in no case shall an action for a violation of present law (R.S. 18:1505.2(A)) be commenced once three years have elapsed from the date of the violation.

(Amends R.S. 18:1511.11(B); Adds R.S. 18:1511.11(C))