

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 12

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

ELECTION CODE. Provides relative to qualifications for the office of sheriff. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:451.2, relative to qualifications of candidates for sheriff; to
3 provide for an exception to residency requirements in certain circumstances; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:451.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §451.2. Qualifications of candidates for sheriff, tax assessor, and clerk of court

8 A. At the time he files his notice of candidacy, a candidate for sheriff, tax
9 assessor, or clerk of court shall have resided in the state for the preceding two years
10 and shall have been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the parish from
11 which he seeks election. The provisions of this Section shall not affect persons
12 holding office on August 15, 1999.

13 **B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, a**
14 **deputy sheriff who becomes sheriff as a result of the resignation, retirement, or**
15 **removal from office of the previous sheriff shall be afforded a period of six**
16 **months to establish domicile in the parish, after which he shall be eligible to**
17 **seek reelection.**

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

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Present law provides that a candidate for sheriff, tax assessor, or clerk of court shall have resided in the state for the preceding two years and shall have been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the parish from which he seeks election at the time he files his notice of candidacy.

Proposed law retains present law and provides an exception for a candidate for sheriff who previously served a deputy sheriff and assumed the office of sheriff as a result of the retirement, resignation, or removal from office of the previous sheriff to establish domicile within the parish he serves within 6 months, after which he shall be eligible to seek reelection.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:451.2)