

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 493

BY SENATOR PETERSON

SECRETARY OF STATE. Requires the secretary of state to include the email addresses of candidates and elected officials on the department database. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a), and to enact R.S.18:18(E), relative to the duties

3 and powers of the secretary of state; to provide the secretary of state collect and

4 maintain email addresses for current elected officials; to provide for the secretary of

5 state to include email addresses of candidates and elected officials in the department

6 database; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:18(E)

9 is enacted to read as follows:

10 §18. Secretary of state; powers and duties

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12 **E. On or before September 1, 2012, the secretary of state shall collect and**

13 **maintain on the department's website, a listing of email addresses for all**

14 **current and future serving statewide and local elected officials.**

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16 §463. Notice of candidacy; financial disclosure; political advertising; penalties

17 A.(1)(a) A notice of candidacy shall be in writing and shall state the

1 candidate's name, the office he seeks, the address of his domicile, the parish, ward,
2 and precinct where he is registered to vote, **his email address**, and the political
3 party, if any, with which he is registered as being affiliated. No candidate shall
4 change or add his political party designation, for purposes of printing on the election
5 ballot as required by R.S. 18:551(D), after he has qualified for the election.

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

DIGEST

Present law provides for the duties and powers of the secretary of state.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that on or before September 1, 2012, the secretary of state will collect and maintain email addresses for all elected officials in the database of the Department of State.

Present law provides that all candidates submit a notice of candidacy in writing that states the candidate's name, the office he seeks, the address of his domicile, the parish, ward, and precinct where he is registered to vote, and the political party, if any, with which he is registered as being affiliated.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that all candidates also provide an email address on their notice of candidacy.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 18:463(A)(1)(a); adds R.S. 18:18(E))