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To Irene Cyr, Legislature  
Re: Primary Election Law

. . . Section 15, Chapter 4, Revised Statutes of 1954, provides:

"All nominations for candidates for any state or county office. . . and member of the legislature shall hereafter be made at and by primary elections held in accordance with this chapter."

The above-mentioned section further provides that each party entitled by law to representation shall nominate the candidates for such offices to be voted on at such elections. The last sentence of Section 15 provides:

" . . . Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the nominations of candidates under the provisions of Section 52."

Section 52, Chapter 4, Revised Statutes of 1954, does not disregard Section 15, but is an alternative means for nominating candidates not included in the primary. Sections 52 through 58 set out the procedure and steps which must be followed. Section 54 provides the time limits that one must observe.

It is my understanding that if a candidate does not meet all of the requirements and obtain the nomination at the primary election pursuant to the statute, such person may, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 52 through 58, become a candidate for one party.

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