

ACT No. 22

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HOUSE BILL NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(C)(introductory paragraph), (D), (E)(1)(c) and (e) and (2)(c) and (e), and (F)(3) and (6), 467(3) and (4), and 514, relative to provisions of Title 18 (Louisiana Election Code) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 which are limited in applicability to certain political subdivisions or local areas based upon population classifications; to adjust population categories to retain applicability of provisions relative to dates of local elections and dates associated with such elections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:402(C)(introductory paragraph), (D), (E)(1)(c) and (e) and (2)(c) and (e), and (F)(3) and (6), 467(3) and (4), and 514 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§402. Dates of primary and general elections

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C. Municipal and ward elections. In all municipalities with a population of less than ~~four~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ thousand, elections for municipal and ward officers who are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress shall be held every four years.

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D. Parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four hundred seventy-five~~ three hundred thousand or more. Elections for parochial and municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ thousand or more shall be held every four years, beginning in 2006, as follows:

1 §467. Opening of qualifying period

2 The qualifying period for candidates in a primary election shall open:

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4 (3) For candidates in a primary election for municipal and ward officers who
5 are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress in
6 municipalities with a population of less than ~~four~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~
7 thousand and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time, on
8 the second Wednesday in February of the year of the election, unless the primary
9 election is held on the second or third Saturday in February; in such case the
10 qualifying period for candidates in such primary election shall open on the second
11 Wednesday in December of the year prior to the election.

12 (4) For candidates in a primary election for parochial and municipal officers
13 in a parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four~~ three hundred
14 ~~seventy-five~~ thousand or more and in which the municipal and parochial elections
15 are held at the same time, on the second Wednesday in December preceding the year
16 of the election.

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18 §514. Parish with municipality population of ~~four~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~
19 thousand or more; municipal and parochial officers; date of taking office

20 ~~A. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all~~ All elected parochial and
21 municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four~~
22 three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ thousand or more shall take office on the first Monday
23 in May of 1982 and each four years thereafter.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____