

SENATE BILL NO. 11

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(5), 54, 423(D)(2), 574(A)(3), (D)(1), and (E)(1), and
3 1483(7)(d), relative to provisions of Title 18 (Louisiana Election Code) of the
4 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, which are limited in applicability to certain
5 political subdivisions or local areas based upon population classifications; to specify
6 applicability to one or more political subdivisions or local areas; to adjust population
7 categories to retain applicability; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 18:2(5), 54, 423(D)(2), 574(A)(3), (D)(1), and (E)(1), and 1483(7)(d)
10 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §2. Definitions

12 As used in this Code, the following words and terms shall have the meanings
13 hereinafter ascribed to each, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

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15 (5) "Parish governing authority" or "governing authority of the parish" with
16 respect to a ~~parish containing a municipality having a population of more than four~~
17 ~~hundred seventy-five thousand~~, **Orleans Parish** means the city council.

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19 §54. Qualification; date; duplicate oath; bond; approval of bond

20 Within thirty days after the date of his commission, each registrar shall
21 qualify for office by subscribing to the oath of office prescribed by the constitution.
22 The oath shall be filed with the clerk of court and a duplicate original or a certified
23 copy thereof shall be filed with the secretary of state and with the state treasurer. In
24 a parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four hundred seventy-five~~
25 **three hundred** thousand or more, the oath shall be filed with the clerk of the civil
26 district court. Each registrar also shall file with the state treasurer a bond, in favor
27 of the governor and with security, for the faithful performance of the duties required

1 of him and for the payment of such damages as may be sustained by his failure to
2 discharge his duties. The sureties on the bond shall be with a company authorized
3 to do business in Louisiana, and in each parish the bond shall be in the amount of
4 five thousand dollars.

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6 §423. Parish boards of election supervisors

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8 D. * * *

9 (2) Employees. In a parish containing a municipality with a population of
10 ~~four hundred fifty~~ **three hundred** thousand or more, the parish board of election
11 supervisors may employ an executive administrator who shall be the principal
12 assistant to the parish board of election supervisors.

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14 §574. Compilation and promulgation of returns

15 A. * * *

16 (3) The board shall complete the compilation of the election returns and file
17 one copy of the compiled statement with the clerk of court no later than 4:00 p.m. on
18 the fourth day after the election. One copy of the compiled statement shall be
19 postmarked no later than 12:00 noon on the fifth day after the election and mailed
20 to the secretary of state. The clerk of court shall transmit the election returns as
21 shown by the compiled statement from the parish board of election supervisors to the
22 secretary of state no later than 12:00 noon on the fifth day after the election. In a
23 parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four hundred seventy-five~~
24 **three hundred** thousand or more, the parish board of election supervisors shall
25 transmit the election returns as shown by their compiled statement to the secretary
26 of state no later than 12:00 noon on the fifth day after the election. Failure to comply
27 with these time limits shall not void the election.

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29 D.(1) The secretary of state shall compile the results of the election for all
30 candidates, proposed constitutional amendments, and recall elections based upon the

1 compilation of the votes transmitted to him by the clerks of court from the compiled
 2 statements by the parish boards of election supervisors. In a parish containing a
 3 municipality with a population of ~~four hundred seventy-five~~ **three hundred**
 4 thousand or more, the secretary of state shall compile the results of the election for
 5 all candidates, proposed constitutional amendments, and recall elections based upon
 6 the compilation of the votes transmitted to him by the parish board of election
 7 supervisors. The compilation shall be completed and the results thereof shall be
 8 announced not later than ~~twelve o'clock~~ **12:00** noon on the sixth day after the
 9 election.

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11 E.(1) On or before the twelfth day after the primary or general election, if no
 12 action has been timely filed contesting the election to the office of a state candidate,
 13 the secretary of state shall promulgate the returns for state candidates, proposed
 14 constitutional amendments, and recall elections by publishing in the official journal
 15 of the state the names of the state candidates for each office in the election, the text
 16 of the proposed constitutional amendment, and recall elections and the number of
 17 votes received by each such candidate, proposed constitutional amendment, and
 18 recall elections as shown by the returns transmitted by the clerks of court from the
 19 compiled statements by the parish boards of election supervisors. In a parish
 20 containing a municipality with a population of ~~four hundred seventy-five~~ **three**
 21 **hundred** thousand or more, the promulgation shall be from the returns transmitted
 22 by the parish board of election supervisors. On or before the twelfth day after the
 23 primary or general election, if no action has been timely filed contesting the election
 24 to office of a candidate other than a state candidate, the secretary of state shall
 25 promulgate the returns for the election for candidates other than state candidates by
 26 transmitting to the clerk of court for the parish wherein the state ~~capitol~~ **capital** is
 27 located a notice containing the results of the elections for candidates other than state
 28 candidates. The clerk of court shall post this notice in a prominent place in his
 29 office.

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1 §1483. Definitions

2 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings herein
3 given to each unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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5 (7) "District office" means the following offices but shall not include any
6 major office:

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8 (d) All public offices elected in any election district containing a population
9 in excess of thirty-five thousand as determined by the most recently published
10 decennial federal census. All public offices elected in any city or parish election in
11 a parish containing a municipality with a population of ~~four hundred fifty~~ **three**
12 **hundred** thousand or more as determined by the most recent decennial federal
13 census. All elected public offices to a board or governing authority which has,
14 within its jurisdiction, a municipality with a population of two hundred twenty-five
15 thousand or more as determined by the most recent decennial federal census.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____