

SENATE BILL NO. 191

BY SENATORS MORRELL AND MURRAY AND REPRESENTATIVES BROSSETT
AND LEGER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(D), (E)(1)(e) and (2)(e), and (F)(6) and 467(4), relative to parochial and municipal elections in certain parishes; to provide relative to the qualifying period, the dates for primary, general, special, bond, tax or other elections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§402. Dates of primary and general elections

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D. Parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more. Elections for parochial and municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more shall be held every four years, beginning in ~~2006~~ 2017, as follows:

(1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers shall be held on the first third Saturday in ~~February~~ October of an election year.

(2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers shall be held on the fourth Saturday after the first third Saturday in ~~February~~ October of an election year.

E. Special elections to fill newly created office or vacancy in office. An election to fill a newly created office or vacancy in an existing office, except the office of state legislator or representative in congress, shall be held on the dates fixed

1 by the appropriate authority in the proclamation ordering a special election as
2 follows:

3 (1) A special primary election shall be held on the first of the following days
4 that is after the date on which the proclamation calling the special primary election
5 was issued, provided that the proclamation was issued at least four weeks prior to the
6 opening of the qualifying period for the special primary election:

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8 (e) The ~~first~~ **third** Saturday in ~~February~~ **October** of an election year for
9 parish and municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population
10 of three hundred thousand or more.

11 (2) A special general election shall be held on one of the following days:

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13 (e) The fourth Saturday after the ~~first~~ **third** Saturday in ~~February~~ **October**
14 in a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or
15 more, when the special primary election in such parish and municipality is held on
16 the ~~first~~ **third** Saturday in ~~February~~ **October** of an election year for parish and
17 municipal officers.

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19 F. Bond, tax, or other elections. Every bond, tax, or other election at which
20 a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters shall be held only on one
21 of the following dates:

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23 (6) For a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred
24 thousand or more, the ~~first~~ **third** Saturday in ~~February~~ **October** or the fourth
25 Saturday after the ~~first~~ **third** Saturday in ~~February~~ **October** in ~~1986~~ **2017** and every
26 fourth year thereafter.

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28 §467. Opening of qualifying period

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

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1 (4) For candidates in a primary election for parochial and municipal officers
 2 in a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or
 3 more and in which the municipal and parochial elections are held at the same time,
 4 on the second Wednesday in ~~December~~ preceding **August in** the year of the election.

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6 Section 2. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____