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HB 393 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires local bond and tax elections to be held only during a regularly scheduled congressional or gubernatorial election, or in a calendar year during which there is no regularly scheduled congressional or gubernatorial election, at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in New Orleans.

Present constitution provides that when an election is required in a political subdivision under the provisions of present constitution which require submission to the electors of a proposition or question, the election shall be called, conducted, and the returns thereof canvassed, in accordance with the procedures established by the law then in effect pertaining to elections for incurring bonded indebtedness and special taxes relative to local finance, or as may be otherwise provided by law.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that when an election is required in a political subdivision under the provisions of present constitution or other law regarding bonded indebtedness or special taxes relative to local finance, the election may be held only during a regularly scheduled statewide congressional or gubernatorial election that is not a party primary election. In a calendar year during which there is no regularly scheduled statewide congressional or gubernatorial election, the election may be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans, if any. Further provides that a special election may be authorized by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Effective January 1, 2028.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §22)