
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that all qualified electors of East Baton Rouge Parish are entitled to vote in a special election on the question of incorporation of a new municipality situated within the parish.

Present law provides that residents of any unincorporated area with a population in excess of 200 people may propose the incorporation of the area. Requires that proponents of the incorporation file a petition with the registrar of voters in the parish or parishes in which the unincorporated area is located. Provides that the petition must contain the signatures of 25% of the electors residing in the area proposed for incorporation.

Present law provides that upon the governor's determination that the petition for incorporation complies with present law, he shall call a special election to be held on the next possible date for special elections in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that all qualified electors residing within the area proposed for incorporation are entitled to vote in the special election.

Proposed law provides an exception for East Baton Rouge Parish. Provides that all qualified electors of East Baton Rouge Parish are entitled to vote in a special election called for the purpose of determining whether an unincorporated area within the parish shall become a municipality.

(Amends R.S. 33:3(B))