

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

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

ELECTIONS/BOND & TAX: Requires disclosure and publication of costs for bond, debt, and tax elections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1292 and to enact R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), relative to bond,  
3 debt, and tax elections; to require the publication of costs for such elections; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1292 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1285. Notice of election

9 A.(1)(a)

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11 (v) The notice shall also state the estimated cost of the election as  
12 determined by the secretary of state based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of this  
13 Title.

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15 §1292. Canvass of returns

16 A. On the date and at the hour and place specified in the notice of election,  
17 the governing authority ordering the election, in public session, shall examine and  
18 canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

19 B.(1) The result shall be promulgated by one publication in a newspaper of  
20 general circulation in the political subdivision or, if there is none, in a newspaper of

1 general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in  
2 the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish.

3 (2) The governing authority shall include in the publication in accordance  
4 with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a statement of the actual cost of the election  
5 as determined by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of Chapter  
6 8-A of this Title.

7 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all bond, debt, and tax elections  
8 called after September 23, 2019.

### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** For bond, debt, and tax elections, requires inclusion of the estimated cost of the election in the publication of the notice of the election and in the publication of the results of the election.

Present law (R.S. 18:1400.1 et seq.) provides relative to the election costs to be paid by the secretary of state and governing authorities and provides the manner in which such expenses may be prorated between the state and all local entities participating in the election.

Present law further requires that notice of the election shall be given and provides for the content of the notice. Provides that notice of the election shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the official journal of the political subdivision, or, if there is none, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish. Provides that not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days shall intervene between the date of the first publication and the date of the election.

Proposed law further requires the notice to contain the estimated cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state based upon the provisions of present law.

Present law requires the governing authority to promulgate the result of the election by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or, if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish.

Proposed law adds a requirement that the governing authority include in the publication a statement of the actual cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state in accordance with present law.

Provides that the provisions of proposed law are applicable to all bond, debt, and tax elections called after Sept. 23, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 18:1292; Adds R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v))