

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that school board elections occur at the congressional election. Provides that school board members serve four-year, concurrent terms beginning the first day of January following their election.

Existing law further provides that municipal elections shall be held every four years on the date for spring municipal and ward elections in accordance with the dates provided for in existing law. Provides that municipal officers shall take office on the first day of July following their election and shall hold office for four years.

New law provides that any school board or municipality may, by resolution, adopt a plan for holding its elections at the same time as the fall gubernatorial election in accordance with existing law beginning with the 2031 fall gubernatorial election. Provides that no such plan shall be revocable by the adopting school board or municipality.

New law provides that school board members of a school board that complies with new law who are elected at school board elections held at the same time as the 2026 congressional election shall serve until their successors elected under the plan take office on January 1, 2032. Further provides that municipal officers of a municipality that complies with new law who are elected at municipal elections held at the same time as the 2027 spring municipal election, as provided by existing law (R.S. 18:402), shall serve until their successors elected under the plan take office on July 1, 2032.

New law requires that any plan adopted by a school board pursuant to new law be filed with the secretary of state no later than July 1, 2026. Further requires that any plan adopted by a municipality pursuant to new law be filed with the secretary of state no later than January 12, 2027.

Existing law provides that if no municipal election is held on the day prescribed by law or if a vacancy in any municipal office elective by the people occurs or if an officer elected fails to qualify, such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of existing constitution and existing law.

New law provides the same for school board elections provided for in new law.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:52(A) and R.S. 33:383(A)(1) and (2)(a) and (c); Adds R.S. 33:383(A)(3))