

2025 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 2

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

ELECTION DAYS. Changes election dates for the spring 2026 statewide election for submission of proposed constitutional amendments. (Item #1) (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 8 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 2 of Act No. 223 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Act No. 212 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to designating the statewide election for submitting proposed constitutional amendments contained in joint resolutions concurred in during the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature to the electors of the state; to provide for a special statewide election to be held on May 16, 2026, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; to change the date on which the proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. A special statewide election shall be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the state proposed constitutional amendments

1 contained in joint resolutions concurred in by each house of the legislature during the 2025
2 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

3 Section 2. The election for which provision is made in this Act shall be held in
4 compliance with and subject to the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

5 Section 3. Section 2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
6 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
8 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held
9 on ~~April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the~~
10 ~~Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025~~
11 ~~Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this~~
12 ~~proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at~~
13 ~~a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026. **May 16, 2026.**~~

14 Section 4. Section 2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
15 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
17 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held
18 on ~~April 18, 2026. **May 16, 2026.**~~

19 Section 5. Section 3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
20 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
22 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held
23 on ~~April 18, 2026. **May 16, 2026.**~~

24 Section 6. Section 8 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
25 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

26 Section 8. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
27 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held
28 on ~~April 18, 2026. **May 16, 2026.**~~

29 Section 7. Section 2 of Act No. 223 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature

1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
3 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held
4 on ~~April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the~~
5 ~~Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025~~
6 ~~Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this~~
7 ~~proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at~~
8 ~~a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.~~ **May 16, 2026.**

9 Section 8. Act No. 212 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is hereby
10 repealed in its entirety.

11 Section 9. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
15 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 2 Original

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Proposed law repeals provisions designating April 18, 2026, as a date for a special statewide election.

Present law provides for submission to the voters of certain constitutional amendments on the following dates:

Act 218 relative to the proposed St. George community school system - April 18, 2026.

Act 219 relative to mandatory retirement of judges - April 18, 2026.

Act 221 relative to authority for parishes to exempt business inventory from ad valorem taxes and to reduce percentage of fair market value applicable to business inventory - April 18, 2026.

Act 222 relative to application of state monies to the unfunded accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana - April 18, 2026.

Act 223 relative to authorizing additional positions in the unclassified state civil service and prohibit their removal except by law - April 18, 2026.

Proposed law changes the date for submission to the voters of the constitutional amendments from April 18, 2026, to May 16, 2026.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Act No. 218, §2; No. 219, §2; No. 221, §3; No. 222, §8; and No. 223, §2 all of the 2025 Regular Session; repeals Act 212 of the 2025 Regular Session)