

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 813

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Provides relative to the term of office for the Orleans Parish sheriff

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5581(A), relative to the sheriff for the parish of Orleans; to  
3 provide for the sheriff's term of office; to provide for the term of office for the sheriff  
4 elected at the election for parochial or municipal officer in Orleans Parish in 2029;  
5 to provide for the beginning of the term of office for each sheriff elected thereafter;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:5581(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §5581. Sheriff for parish of Orleans; election; term

10 A. There shall be one sheriff for the parish of Orleans, who shall be elected  
11 by the qualified electors of the parish of Orleans. He shall be elected at the election  
12 for parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish; and shall serve for a term of  
13 four years, and shall take office and begin his term on the first Monday in May  
14 following his election. However, the sheriff elected at the election for parochial and  
15 municipal officers in Orleans Parish in 2029 shall serve until his successor takes  
16 office on January 9, 2034. Each sheriff elected thereafter shall take office on the  
17 second Monday in January following election.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the term for Orleans Parish sheriff to begin on the second Mon. in Jan. following election, rather than the first Mon. in May, with the sheriff elected in 2029 serving until his successor takes office on Jan. 9, 2034.

Present law provides that there shall be one sheriff for the parish of Orleans, who shall be elected by the qualified electors of the parish of Orleans. He shall be elected at the election for parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish and shall serve for a term of four years.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the sheriff shall take office and begin his term on the first Mon. in May following his election.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead provides that, the sheriff elected at the election for parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish in 2029 shall serve until his successor takes office on Jan. 9, 2034, which will be less than a four year term. Further provides that each sheriff elected thereafter shall take office on the second Mon. in Jan. following election.

(Amends R.S. 13:5581(A))