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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Fontenot to Engrossed House Bill No. 400 by Representative Fontenot

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 4 and insert the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(F) and 1283(B) and to repeal R.S. 42:19.1,
 4 relative to the dates of bond, tax, and other proposition or question elections; to
 5 provide that bond, tax, and other elections at which a proposition or question is
 6 submitted shall be held only on regularly scheduled open primary election dates; to
 7 provide that recall elections shall be held only on a regularly scheduled primary or
 8 general election date; to provide for the procedure for the proposal, increase,
 9 renewal, or continuation of a tax or for calling an election for such purposes by
 10 political subdivisions; to provide for the approval of an election date in the case of
 11 an emergency; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 2

13 On page 1, line 6, after "R.S. 18:402(F)" and before "hereby", delete "is" and insert "and
 14 1283(B) are"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 3

16 On page 1, delete lines 10 through 14 and insert the following:

17 "bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to
 18 the voters, other than a recall election, shall be held only on an open primary election
 19 date established in Subsections B, C, and D of this Section, in accordance with
 20 Article VI, Section 22 of the Constitution of Louisiana. A recall election shall be
 21 held only on a primary or general"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 4

23 On page 2, delete line 6 and insert the following:

24 "§1283. Elections
 25 * * *
 26 B.(1) The governing authority of the political subdivision may call a special
 27 election for any of these purposes to be held on any of the dates set forth in R.S.
 28 18:402(F) and it shall call an election for any of these purposes when requested to
 29 do so by the petition in writing of one-fourth of the electors qualified to vote at an
 30 election.
 31 (2) In the case of an emergency declared by the governing authority of a
 32 political subdivision because the governing authority is unable to timely call a
 33 special election for any of these purposes in the manner provided by law on a date
 34 otherwise provided in R.S. 18:402(F), the governing authority may declare an
 35 emergency and, upon application to and approval by all the following, the governing
 36 authority of the political subdivision may call a special election for any of these

1 purposes to be held on a regularly scheduled general election date provided for in
2 R.S. 18:402:

3 (a) The State Bond Commission by two-thirds vote of its total membership.

4 (b) The governor.

5 (c) The secretary of state.

6 Section 2. R.S. 42:19.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

7 Section 3. This Act shall take effect and become operative on January 1,
8 2029, if the"