
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 475,000 or more to be held concurrently with congressional elections if, following a gubernatorially declared state of emergency, such parish is eligible for certain types of federal assistance.

Present law (R.S. 18:402(B)) provides relative to holding congressional elections every two years, beginning in 1982. Provides for primary elections to be held on the first Saturday in October of an election year and for general elections to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year.

Present law (R.S. 18:402(D)) provides relative to holding parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 475,000 or more. Provides for such elections to be held every four years, beginning in 1986. Provides for primary elections for such a parish to be held on the first Saturday in February of an election year. Provides for general elections in such a parish to be held on the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in February of an election year. However, provides for the primary and general elections for the offices of recorder of mortgages and register of conveyances for the parish of Orleans to be held at the congressional elections set forth in present law (R.S. 18:402(B)).

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law (R.S. 18:402(D)(1) and (2)), parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 475,000 or more shall be held on the dates for congressional elections set forth in present law (R.S. 18:402(B)) in the same year that they would otherwise be held if:

- (1) The governor has declared a state of disaster or emergency in the parish within one year prior to the date the election would be held.
- (2) The parish has been designated under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as eligible for individual assistance or individual assistance and public assistance.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:402(H))