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Present law provides that the primary elections for members of congress and officers elected at the same time shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year.

Proposed law provides that the primary election for members of congress and officers elected at the same time shall be held on the last Saturday in September, except in presidential election years.

Proposed law provides that the election for members of congress and officers elected at the same time in a presidential election year shall be held on the first Saturday in August.

Present law provides that a special primary election shall be held on the first of the following days that is after the date on which the proclamation calling the special primary election was issued, provided that the proclamation was issued at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the special primary election: the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, when the special general election is held on the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the special primary election to the last Saturday in September, except in presidential election years, when the special general election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Also provides that the special primary election may be held on the first Saturday in August in presidential election years, when the special general election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Present law provides that bond, tax, and other elections at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters shall be held only on one of the specified dates, to include the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November or the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that bond, tax and other elections can be held on the last Saturday in September of even-numbered years, except in presidential years.

Proposed law also adds that the bond, tax and other elections can be held on the first Saturday in August of even-numbered years in presidential election years.

Proposed law changes the option of holding the election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November or the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

Proposed law deletes provisions which make inapplicable a bond, tax, or other election date of the

first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more for an election relative to a parcel fee imposed within a security or neighborhood improvement district.

Present law provides that the qualifying period for candidates in a primary election shall open on specified dates and includes the dates for candidates in a congressional primary election and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time, on the third Wednesday in July of the year of the election.

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that except in presidential election years, the congressional primary election or another special primary election, to be held at the same time, the qualifying period shall open on the last Wednesday in June of the year of the election.

Proposed law also adds that the qualifying period shall open for candidates in a congressional primary election and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time in presidential election years, on the second Wednesday in May of the year of the election.

Proposed law provides that in congressional regularly scheduled general elections, the candidates who qualify for the office of United States senator or representative in congress in the regularly scheduled congressional general election are those who received the two highest numbers of votes in the primary election. Present law is retained concerning other general elections.

Proposed law retains present law concerning the election of candidates in a primary election but proposed law excludes candidates for United States senator or representative in congress in a regularly scheduled congressional primary election.

Proposed law adds that the unopposed candidates for U.S. senator or representative in congress in a regularly scheduled congressional primary election are declared elected by the people on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year, and their names shall not appear on the ballot in either the regularly scheduled congressional primary or general election.

Proposed law retains present law concerning the election of candidates in a general election but proposed law excludes candidates for United States senator or representative in congress in a regularly scheduled congressional general election.

Proposed law adds that if, as a result of the death or withdrawal of one or more candidates, the number of candidates for an office in a regularly scheduled congressional general election does not exceed the number to be elected to the office, the remaining candidates are declared elected by the people on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year.

Proposed law retains present law concerning the payment of qualifying fees but changes the period for filing qualifying fees from: beginning on the third Tuesday in July and ending at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August of each year in which a presidential election is to be held, to the second Tuesday in August of each year in which a presidential election is to be held.

Present law provides that all general elections for representatives in congress shall be held on the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that, except in presidential election years, the primary election shall be held on the last Saturday in September of an election year and that the primary election in presidential election years shall be held on the first Saturday in August of an election year.

Present law provides that written notice of the election and the certificate required by Subparagraph (b) of R.S. 18:1285 shall be transmitted to the secretary of state and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be held on a primary election date, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the 54th day prior to the election. The secretary of state shall not accept any revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of the notice and certificate to the secretary of state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if the election is on a general election date, except the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election. If the election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the eighty-first day prior to the election. The secretary of state shall not accept any revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of the notice and certificate to the secretary of state.

Effective March 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 18:402(B), (E)(1) and (2)(b) and (F)(2), 467, 481, 511, 512, 1253(E), 1254(A), 1272(A), and 1285(B)(1)(a))