Tim Burns   HB No. 894

Abstract: Changes the date of congressional general elections from the first Sat. in Dec. to the second Sat. in Dec.; provides that a bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters may be held on this date instead of the first Sat. in Oct.; and provides that certain required notices for such an election to be held on a primary date and a proclamation calling a special election to be held on a primary date must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary.

Present law provides for the dates of primary and general elections. Provides that congressional general elections are held on the first Sat. in Dec. in even-numbered years.   Proposed law changes the date of the congressional general election from the first Sat. in Dec. to the second Sat. in Dec. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides dates for bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters. Provides that one of the dates on which such an election may be held is the first Sat. in Oct. Proposed law replaces the first Sat. in Oct. with the second Sat. in Dec. as a possible election date. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides dates on which special elections may be held to fill a newly created office or vacancy in an existing office, except the office of representative in congress. Provides that a special primary election may be held on the first of several specified dates that is not less than 11 weeks after the date on which the proclamation calling the special primary election was issued. Proposed law provides instead that the proclamation must be issued at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the special primary election. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides procedures for the conduct of elections to authorize the issuance of bonds, the assumption of indebtedness, and the imposition or increase of taxes by political subdivisions. Requires, among other things, publication of a notice of the election and that the notice and certification of approval by the La. State Bond Commission be transmitted to the secretary of state and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the election is to be held on a primary election date, such notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the 71st day prior to the primary election. Proposed law provides instead that the notice must be received by the secretary of state

at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election.

Present law provides procedures to be used in elections (except bond and tax elections) at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters. Requires, among other things, written notice of the election to be transmitted to the secretary of state, the commissioner of elections, and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the election is to be held on a primary election date, such notice shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the 71st day prior to the primary election. Proposed law provides instead that the notice must be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action, except that provisions relative to bond, tax, and other elections at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters are effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 18:402(B)(2), (E)(1)(intro. para.) and (b) and (2)(b), and (F)(2), 1272(A), 1285(B)(1)(a), and 1300(C)(1))