

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(B)(2), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (2)(b), and (F)(2), 1272(A), 1285(B)(1)(a), and 1300(C)(1), relative to elections; to provide for election dates; to provide for certain deadlines relative to special elections and bond, tax, and other elections at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:402(B)(2), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (2)(b), and (F)(2) and 1272(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§402. Dates of primary and general elections

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B. Congressional elections. Elections for members of congress and officers elected at the same time as members of congress shall be held every two years, beginning in 1982.

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(2) General elections for members of congress and officers elected at the same time as members of congress shall be held on the ~~first~~ fifth Saturday in ~~December~~ after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year.

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E. Special elections to fill newly created office or vacancy in office. An election to fill a newly created office or vacancy in an existing office, except the office of representative in congress, shall be held on the dates fixed by the appropriate authority in the proclamation ordering a special election as follows:

(1) A special primary election shall be held on the first of the following days that is ~~not less than eleven weeks~~ 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:

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(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, when the special general election is held on the first fifth Saturday in December after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

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(2) A special general election shall be held on one of the following days:

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(b) ~~The first fifth Saturday in December~~ after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

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F. Bond, tax, or other elections. Every bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates:

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(2) ~~The first Saturday in October or the~~ 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.

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§1272. United States senators; representatives in congress; time of electing

A. All general elections for representatives in congress shall be held on the first ~~fifth~~ Saturday in ~~December~~, after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in ~~November~~ in even-numbered years. The primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1)(a) and 1300(C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted
2 to read as follows:

3 §1285. Notice of election

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5 B.(1)(a) Written notice of the election and the certificate required by
6 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be transmitted to the secretary of state and
7 each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the
8 election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice and certificate shall
9 be received by the secretary of state ~~on or before the seventy-first day~~ at least four
10 weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If the
11 election is not to be held on a primary election date, then the notice and certificate
12 shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the forty-sixth day prior to the
13 election. The secretary of state shall not accept any revisions to propositions,
14 including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, after the
15 last day for submission of the notice and certificate to the secretary of state.

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17 §1300. Procedures; notice of election; expenses

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19 C.(1) When an election is called under the provisions of this Chapter, written
20 notice of the election shall be transmitted to the secretary of state, the commissioner
21 of elections, and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the
22 election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice
23 shall be received by the secretary of state ~~on or before the seventy-first day~~ at least
24 four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If
25 the election is not to be held on a primary election date, then such notice shall be
26 received by the secretary of state on or before the forty-sixth day prior to the
27 election.

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29 Section 3.(A) This Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon
30 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of

1 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
2 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and
3 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become
4 effective on the day following such approval.

5 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____