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 DIGEST

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SB No. 191

Present law relative to parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more, requires elections for parochial and municipal offices to be held every four years, beginning in 2006, as follows:

- (1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers are held on the first Sat. in Feb. of an election year.
- (2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers are held on the fourth Sat. after the first Sat. in Feb. of an election year.

Present law provides that special primary and general elections and bond, tax, or other elections at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters may be held on these dates.

Present law provides that the qualifying period for candidates in a primary election begins on the second Wed. in Dec. of an election year.

Proposed law changes the dates of parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more as follows:

- (1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers are held on the third Sat. in Oct. of an election year instead of the first Sat. in Feb.
- (2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers are held on the fourth Sat. after the third Sat. in Oct. of an election year instead of the fourth Sat. after the first Sat. in Feb. of an election year.

Proposed law provides that special primary and general elections and bond, tax, or other elections at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters may be held on these dates.

Proposed law provides that the qualifying period for candidates in a primary election begins on the second Wed. in Aug. of an election year instead of the second Wed. in Dec.

Effective Jan. 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 18:402(D), (E)(1)(e) and (2)(e), and (F)(6) and 467(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds dates for special, bond, tax and other elections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill.

1. Removes proposed provisions changing the date upon which parochial and municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more take office.
2. Makes technical changes.