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## DIGEST 2016 Regular Session

SB 245 Original

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<u>Present law</u> provides that every bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters must be held on one of the following dates:

- (1) The third to last Saturday in October or the fifth Saturday after the third to last Saturday in October of 1983 and every fourth year thereafter.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Present law provides that, the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November shall not be applicable 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 "security or neighborhood improvement district" means a special district one of the primary purposes of which is aiding in crime prevention and adding to the security of district residents by providing for an increased presence of law enforcement personnel in the district or otherwise promoting and encouraging security in the district.
- (4) The last Saturday in March or the fifth Saturday after the last Saturday in March of any year or on the first Saturday in March or the fifth Saturday after the first Saturday in March during the presidential election year.
- (5) The second Saturday in October or the fifth Saturday after the second Saturday in October of 1985 and every fourth year thereafter.
- (6) For a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more, the second Saturday in October or the fifth Saturday after the second Saturday in October in 2017 and every fourth year thereafter.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the applicability of <u>present law</u> to bond and tax elections, and further provides that every bond or tax election must be held on the same date as a regularly scheduled primary and general election for statewide or congressional office.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the last Saturday in March or the fifth Saturday after the last Saturday in March of any year or on the first Saturday in March or the fifth Saturday after the first Saturday in March during the presidential election year from the list of days that a local tax proposition or question can be submitted to voters.

<u>Proposed law</u> otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 18:402(F)(intro para) and (2) and (3))