

# 2026 Ballot Box



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## ELECTIONS INFORMATION



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**CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE: 2026 PARTY PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**  
**PARTY PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL PRIMARY: MAY 16, 2026      SECOND PARTY PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL GENERAL: JUNE 27, 2026**

PRIMARY DATE/TIME	GENERAL DATE/TIME	PROCEDURES	R.S. TITLE 18 LEGAL CITATION
Sept. 16, 2025 Tuesday	N/A	First day to obtain signatures on <b>nominating petitions</b> (not more than 120 days before qualifying begins).	465(B)
Jan. 14, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	Last day for candidates running in <i>regularly scheduled elections</i> to <b>submit nominating petitions</b> to Registrar of Voters for certification (shall be submitted not less than 30 days before the qualifying period ends).	465(E)(1)(a) 1280.22(B)(3)(d)
Jan. 14, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	Last day to issue proclamations calling <b>special elections</b> to fill <b>vacancies</b> (at least 4 weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period).	402(E)(1)
Jan. 14, 2026 Wednesday	Apr. 27, 2026 Monday	Last day for Secretary of State to receive written notices of <b>proposition elections</b> . <b>Primary:</b> at least 4 weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period <b>General:</b> on or before the 61 <sup>st</sup> day prior to the election <b>NOTE:</b> No revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, will be accepted after the deadline.	1285(B)(1)(a) 1300(C)(1) 1300(C)(2)
Jan. 27, 2026 Tuesday	N/A	Deadline for the <b>parish governing authority</b> to submit <b>precinct changes</b> (including a precinct being established or altered in any way, including alpha division by voter surname) No annexations shall be implemented past this deadline. Changes cannot be made beginning on the tenth business day prior to qualifying; they will become effective after the general election.	532.1(E)
Jan. 30, 2026 Friday	N/A	Last day for candidates running in a <b>special election</b> called pursuant to R.S. 18:402(E), 601(A)(2) or 1279 (newly created office or vacancy in an existing office, State Legislators & U.S. Representatives) to submit <b>nominating petitions</b> to Registrar of Voters for certification (not less than 14 days before qualifying period ends).	465(E)(1)(a)
Jan. 1, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026	N/A	At least annually the clerk of court shall conduct a <b>general course of instruction</b> for commissioners.	431(A)(1)(a)
Feb 4, 2026 Wednesday	Apr. 30, 2026 Thursday	The <b>registrar shall assign voters</b> in the state voter registration computer system to each voting district in the parish from which an election is to be conducted on or before the 5 <sup>th</sup> business day prior to the opening of qualifying for the primary and on or before the 58 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the general election.	58(B)(2)
Jan. 9, 2026 Friday	N/A	The Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall meet by the 2nd Friday in January of each year to <b>select a commissioner-in-charge</b> to serve at each precinct in the parish.	433(B)(1)

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Feb. 10, 2026 Tuesday =====	N/A =====	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for the <b>parish governing authority</b> to submit <b>polling place changes</b>. No change shall be made commencing on the date qualifying opens and ending on the date of the general election.</li> <li>• For bond, tax, or other proposition/question election only, changes cannot be made commencing on the 46<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and ending on the day of the election.</li> </ul>	534(B)(1)
Feb. 11, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	<b>Qualifying begins</b> for candidates in the <b>primary election, and for all party primary office candidates</b> (including No Party (Unaffiliated) candidates and candidates affiliated with any party other than Democratic or Republican). State candidates qualify with the Secretary of State. Municipal and local candidates qualify with the Clerk of Court* of the parish in which the candidate is registered to vote.	410.4 410.8 462 467 1280.22
Feb. 13, 2026 Friday 4:30 p.m.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Qualifying ends</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after qualifying begins.</li> <li>• Clerk of Court* shall transmit a certified list of candidates who have qualified with him and forward the qualifying fees to Secretary of State immediately after the close of the qualifying period.</li> </ul>	468(A) 470(A)(3)(a)
Feb. 15, 2026 Sunday	N/A	<b>90 days</b> prior to a regularly scheduled <b>FEDERAL</b> primary election, the <b>ROV shall publish</b> the names and addresses of those persons on the inactive list for one day in the official journal of the parish governing authority.	193(F)
Feb. 18, 2026 Wednesday	Jun. 3, 2026 Wednesday	Secretary of State shall furnish the Supervisory Committee, Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, an alphabetical <b>listing of the candidates</b> for each of the offices to be voted on in each election. <b>Primary:</b> no later than 5 days after the close of qualifying. <b>General:</b> no later than the day after the day on which primary election returns are promulgated.	470.1
Feb. 20, 2026 Friday 4:30 p.m.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objection to candidacy</b> must be filed not later than 4:30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the close of qualifying.</li> <li>• Last day to <b>withdraw from a primary or first party primary</b> election by filing a notice of withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the close of qualifying.</li> </ul>	493 1405(A) Act 386 of 2025 501(A)(1)
Mar. 31, 2026 Tuesday	N/A	At least <b>46 days prior</b> to a <b>FEDERAL</b> election, the Secretary of State shall deliver to each registrar of voters a sufficient quantity of absentee ballots (primary ballots, special ranking ballots, and electronic ballots) to be used by members of the U.S. Service and persons residing outside the U.S.	1308.2
Apr. 1, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	At least <b>45 days prior</b> to a <b>FEDERAL</b> election, the registrar of voters shall mail absentee ballots (primary ballots, special ranking ballots, and electronic ballots) to be used by members of the U.S. Service and persons residing outside the U.S.	1308(A)(2)(a)
Apr. 12, 2026 Sunday	N/A	• Last day for the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to <b>publish notice of meeting to select commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> (at least 5 days prior to the date for selection of commissioners).	434(A)(2)

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Apr. 11, 2026 – May 16, 2026 Sat. – Sat.	May 23, 2026 – Jun. 27, 2026 <sup>^</sup> Sat. – Sat.	<b>Electioneering prohibited at nursing homes.</b> (7 days prior to the time early voting begins at nursing homes until polls have closed on election day.)	1334(A)
Apr. 14, 2026 Tuesday	May 26, 2026 <sup>^</sup> Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lists of political party early voting watchers and alternate watchers</b> shall be filed by the chairman of the parish executive committee with the Registrar of Voters before 4:30 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> business day before early voting in a party primary, primary, or general election.</li> <li>• A list of watchers submitted for the party primary or primary may be used for the second party primary, primary, or general only if the chairman of the parish executive committee of the political party notifies the Registrar of Voters in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before the start of early voting for the general election that he wants to use the same list of early voting watchers.</li> </ul>	1309(N)(5) 1309(N)(7) Act 386 of 2025
Apr. 15, 2026 Wednesday	May 27, 2026 Wednesday	Last day for <b>voter registration in person or by mail.</b> (Registrars of Voters shall close books 30 days prior to any election except to permit registration for subsequent elections.)	135(A)(1)&(C)
Apr. 16, 2026 Thursday	May 28, 2026 Thursday	Last day for ROV to accept requests for the <b>nursing home program.</b> (at least 30 days prior to the election)	1333(D)(1)
Apr. 16, 2026 Thursday	Jun. 6, 2026 Saturday	In parishes where <b>early voting</b> is conducted at additional locations, the registrar may fix the days during which early voting shall be conducted at the <b>additional location</b> during early voting period if approved by the Secretary of State at least 30 days prior to a primary election and 21 days prior to a general election.	1309(M)(1)(a) 1309.2
Apr. 17, 2026 Friday	May 30, 2026 Saturday	Parish custodian of voting machines may submit a written request to Secretary of State on or before the 29 <sup>th</sup> day prior to primary election or <i>at least 4 weeks before a general election, to reduce or increase the number of voting machines</i> to be allocated and used in an election.	1363(G) 1363(H)
Apr. 17, 2026 Friday	Jun. 6, 2026 Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors <b>selects commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> (on the second day after the close of the registration records provided in R.S. 18:135(A)). <b>NOTE:</b> In those precincts where elections are being held to elect state and/or local officials, commissioners-in-charge, and commissioners who serve in the primary shall also serve in the general election.</li> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors <b>selects commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> on or before 21<sup>st</sup> day prior to Bond, Debt &amp; Tax Election or an election at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters.</li> </ul>	434(A)(1) Act 386 of 2025
Apr. 18, 2026 Saturday	May 30, 2026 <sup>^</sup> Saturday	First day for <b>nursing home</b> residents to <b>begin early voting</b> (2 weeks prior to the beginning day of early voting through the last day of early voting).	1333(B)

<sup>^</sup>Date subject to change if the Governor proclaims a state observed holiday for Juneteenth.

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N/A	May 26, 2026+ Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day for a candidate to <b>withdraw from a general election</b> by filing a notice of withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the primary election (<b>does not include closed party offices</b>).</li> </ul>	501(B)(1)
Apr. 25, 2026 Saturday	Jun. 6, 2026 Saturday	<p>Geaux Vote online <b>electronic registration deadline</b>. (Registrars of Voters shall close the registration records 20 days prior to an election for a person who makes an application to register to vote or make changes to an existing registration electronically.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall <b>publish the locations of polling places</b> at least once during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week before the primary election.</li> <li>The locations of polling places shall be <b>published to the Secretary of State's website</b> and may be published on websites maintained by parish election officials, including the ROV and COC</li> </ul>	135(A)(3)  535(B)
Apr. 25, 2026 – May 1, 2026 Saturday-Friday	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall <b>publish the locations of polling places</b> at least once during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week before the primary election.</li> <li>The locations of polling places shall be <b>published to the Secretary of State's website</b> and may be published on websites maintained by parish election officials, including the ROV and COC</li> </ul>	535(B)
N/A	Jun. 12, 2026 Friday	Last day for Clerk of Court* to mail notice to commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners (at least 14 days prior to the election) if pre-election course of instruction will <b>not</b> be held. (N/A for Congressional Elections)	431(B)(5)(a)
Apr. 30, 2026 Thursday 4:30 p.m.	Jun. 11, 2026 <sup>^</sup> Thursday 4:30 p.m.	Deadline to withdraw for races in which the withdrawal will cancel the race. The notice of withdrawal must be filed prior to 4:30 p.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day prior to the first day of early voting ( <b>includes closed party offices</b> ).	501(C) Act 386 of 2025
N/A	Jul. 6, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	A candidate in a (fall) general election for a party primary office may withdraw from the election by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the ninth day after the second party primary election date, regardless of whether a second party primary election is held (only applies to party primary offices).	Act 386 of 2025
May 2, 2026 Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Jun. 13, 2026 <sup>^</sup> Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Early voting in person begins</b> 14 days prior to any election in Registrars of Voters' offices and any designated branch offices from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day (with the exception of Sunday).	1309(A) 1309(B)&(C)
May 4, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	Jun. 15, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lists of watchers alternate watchers, and political party super watchers</b> shall be filed with the Clerk of Court* before 4:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before a party primary, primary, or general election. Each candidate may designate one watcher as a "Super Watcher."</li> <li>A list of watchers submitted for the party primary or primary may be used for the second party primary, primary, or general if the candidate or chairman of the parish executive committee notifies the Clerk of Court* in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before the general election.</li> </ul>	435(B)(1)(a) 435(A)(2)  435(B)(1)(b)&(c) Act 583, 2024

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May 9, 2026 Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Jun. 20, 2026 Saturday 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early voting in person ends</b> 7 days prior to any election, at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Last day for residents of <b>nursing homes</b> to vote early.</li> </ul>	1309(A)(1) 1309(A)(2) 1333(B)
May 11, 2026 Monday	Jun. 22, 2025 Monday	Parish Board of Elections Supervisors shall notify the Secretary of State in writing no later than five days prior to a primary or general election that the preparation and verification of absentee by mail and early voting ballots will be conducted prior to election day.	1313(A)
May 11, 2026 Monday 10:00 a.m.	Jun. 22, 2026 Monday 10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors <b>selects (absentee) parish board commissioners and alternate</b> commissioners at 10:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day before a primary election.</li> <li>• If Parish Board of Election Supervisors and the Secretary of State or his designee determines number of parish board commissioners and alternate parish board <b>commissioners</b> should be <b>increased or decreased</b> from number serving in the primary, selection will be at 10:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day before the general election.</li> </ul>	1314(B)(2) 1314(C)(2)(a) 1314(C)(3)
May 12, 2026 Tuesday	June 23, 2026 Tuesday	Last day to <b>hold pre-election course</b> for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners and alternate commissioners, if held (not less than 4 days prior to election). (Required for Congressional)	431(B)(1) 431(B)(5)(b)
May 12, 2026 Tuesday	Jun. 23, 2026 Tuesday	Last day for Registrar of Voters to receive <b>written challenges of absentee</b> by mail or early voting ballots (on or before the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election).	1315(A)(1)
May 13, 2026 Wednesday 7:00 a.m.	Jun. 24, 2026 Wednesday 7:00 a.m.	Not less than 3 days before the opening hour of the election, the Registrar of Voters shall <b>seal and deliver a precinct register</b> for each precinct which is involved in the election to the contractor authorized by the Secretary of State to deliver voting machines.	157
May 13, 2026 Wednesday	Jun. 24, 2026 Wednesday	With the written approval of the Secretary of State, parishes may conduct the preparation and verification process for the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots for a primary or general election beginning 3 days before the election.	1313.1(A)(1)(b)
May 14, 2026 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Jun. 25, 2026 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Parish Custodian of Voting Machines to prepare, inspect and <b>seal voting machines</b> and notify all candidates or their representatives of the sealing of machines (no later than 36 hours prior to the opening of the polls).	1373(C)
May 15, 2026 Friday	Jun. 26, 2026 Friday	PBES may conduct <b>preparation and verification</b> process for counting and tabulating absentee by mail and early voting ballots the day before the election at a time fixed by the PBES.	1313.1(A) & (C)(1)
May 15, 2026 Friday	Jun. 26, 2026 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk of Court* shall <b>post in his office</b>, on the day immediately preceding the election, a <b>notice of the time and place where the voting machines will be opened</b> after the election.</li> <li>• <b>Voting machines</b> must be <b>delivered to polling places</b> no later than 11:59 p.m. the day before the election.</li> </ul>	573(A)(2) 1371(B)

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May 16, 2026 Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Jun. 27, 2026 Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday elections; Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday elections; voters in line at 8:00 p.m. shall be allowed to vote.</li> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall fix a time to begin <b>counting and tabulating absentee</b> by mail and early voting ballots no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day. The Board may utilize teams of parish board commissioners to count the absentee ballots.</li> <li>• Upon completion of tabulation of the absentee ballots, Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall immediately <b>transmit</b> the record of the absentee vote count to the Clerk of Court* and to the Secretary of State and shall deliver the absentee ballots to the Registrar of Voters.</li> </ul>	402 1280.21.1 541, 542  1313(A)(1)& (C)(1) 1313(H)(D)& (K)(1)
May 18, 2026 Monday 8:30 a.m.	Jun. 29, 2026 Monday 8:30 a.m.	For <b>FEDERAL</b> Elections, the <b>COC shall deliver</b> to the ROV the <b>return provisional ballot envelope</b> containing all voted provisional ballots not later than 8:30 a.m. on the 1 <sup>st</sup> business day following the election.	572(A)(2)(b)
May 18, 2026 Monday 8:00 p.m.	Jun. 29, 2026 Monday 8:00 p.m.	<b>Voting machines</b> used during the election shall be <b>returned</b> to the appropriate warehouses no later than 48 hours after polls close.	1376(A)
May 19, 2026 Tuesday	Jun. 30, 2026 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk of Court* assisted by at least one member of the Parish Board of Election Supervisors opens and, if required, <b>breaks seals</b> on voting machines on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the election.</li> <li>• The results shall be verified from the voting machine votes and the absentee by mail and early voting votes.</li> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors begins compiling election returns.</li> </ul>	573(A)(1)&(2) 573(B) 574  566.2
May 19, 2026 Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Jun. 30, 2026 Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Deadline to <b>request a recount</b> of absentee by mail and early voting ballots with the Clerk of Court* shall be the 3 <sup>rd</sup> calendar day after the election by 4:30 p.m. Immediately upon receiving any request, the Clerk of Court* shall prominently post in his office a notice of the time and place where the recount shall take place and the name of the candidate or the voter in the proposition election requesting the recount.	1313(K)(2)(b) 1313.1(L)(2)(b)
May 21, 2026 Thursday	Jul. 2, 2026 Thursday	<b>Recounts</b> of absentee by mail and early voting ballots if required shall be held either at 10:00 a.m. or at a time set by the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of Court on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after the election (unless ordered by a court).	1313(K)(2)(b) 1313.1(L)(2)(b)
May 21, 2026 Thursday 4:00 p.m.	Jul. 2, 2026 Thursday 4:00 p.m.	Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall complete the compilation of the <b>election returns</b> and file one copy of the compiled statement <b>with the Clerk of Court*</b> no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(A)(3)

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May 21, 2026 Thursday 4:00 p.m.	Jul. 2, 2026 Thursday 4:00 p.m.	<b>Deadline for Provisional ballots to be counted (for FEDERAL elections only) at the office of the registrar of voters or at a public facility within the parish designated by the parish board of election supervisors. (They must be counted prior to the PBES compilation of returns which must be completed by 4:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the election.)</b>	566(2)(C) 574(A)(3)
May 22, 2026 Friday 12:00 noon	Jul. 6, 2026** Monday 12:00 noon	Clerk of Court (Parish Board of Election Supervisors in Orleans Parish) <b>shall transmit election returns</b> as shown by the compiled statement made by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to the Secretary of State, and the Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall mail compiled statement of election returns to the Secretary of State by 12:00 noon on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(A)(3)&(F)
May 23, 2026 Saturday	Jul. 4, 2026 Saturday	Last day for Clerk of Court* <b>to transmit the names, addresses and social security numbers of all commissioners who served in the election (no later than 7 days after the election).</b>	424(E) 425(E)
May 26, 2026+ Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Jul. 6, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	Last day for <b>contesting</b> any candidate election. (An action contesting any candidate election shall be instituted not later than 4:30 p.m. of the 9 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.)	1405(B)
May 26, 2026+ Tuesday 12:00 noon	Jul. 7, 2026 Tuesday 12:00 noon	Secretary of State <b>shall verify and compile the results of the election</b> for all candidates, proposed constitutional amendments, and recall elections, and the results shall be announced on the SOS website no later than 12:00 noon on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(D)(1) 574(D)(2)
May 27, 2026 Tuesday	Jul. 7, 2026 Tuesday	Secretary of State directs the <b>clearing of voting machines</b> and any election result cartridges where no action contesting the election has been filed. (The day after the deadline to contest.)	1376(B)
Jun. 2, 2026 Tuesday	Jul. 14, 2026 Tuesday	Secretary of State <b>promulgates returns</b> for candidate elections on or before the 14 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(E)(1)&(F)

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\*\*Deadline advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Independence Day on July 3, 2026.

**End of 05/16/2026 and 06/27/2026**

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**CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE: 2026 CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL/OPEN PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL/OPEN PRIMARY: NOVEMBER 3, 2026      OPEN GENERAL: DECEMBER 12, 2026**

PRIMARY DATE/TIME	GENERAL DATE/TIME	PROCEDURES	R.S. TITLE 18 LEGAL CITATION
Mar. 31, 2026 Tuesday	N/A	First day to obtain signatures on <b>nominating petitions</b> (not more than 120 days before qualifying begins).	465(B)
Jul. 1, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	Last day for candidates running in <i>regularly scheduled elections</i> to <b>submit nominating petitions</b> to Registrar of Voters for certification (shall be submitted not less than 30 days before the qualifying period ends).	465(E)(1)(a) 1280.22(B)(3)(d)
Jul. 1, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	Last day to issue proclamations calling <b>special elections</b> to fill <b>vacancies</b> (at least 4 weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period).	402(E)(1)
Jul. 1, 2026 Wednesday	Oct. 12, 2026 Monday	Last day for Secretary of State to receive written notices of <b>proposition elections</b> . <b>Primary:</b> at least 4 weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period <b>General:</b> on or before the 61 <sup>st</sup> day prior to the election <b>NOTE:</b> No revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, will be accepted after the deadline.	1285(B)(1)(a) 1300(C)(1)
Jul. 6, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	N/A	A candidate in a (fall) general election for a party primary office may withdraw from the election by filing notice of his withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the ninth day after the second party primary election date, regardless of whether a second party primary election is held (only applies to party primary offices).	Act 386 of 2025 1300(C)(2)
Jul. 14, 2026 Tuesday	N/A	Deadline for the <b>parish governing authority</b> to submit <b>precinct changes</b> (including a precinct being established or altered in any way, including alpha division by voter surname) No annexations shall be implemented past this deadline. Changes cannot be made beginning on the tenth business day prior to qualifying; they will become effective after the general election.	532.1(E)
Jul. 17, 2026 Friday	N/A	Last day for candidates running in a <b>special election</b> called pursuant to R.S. 18:402(E), 601(A)(2) or 1279 (newly created office or vacancy in an existing office; State Legislators & U.S. Representatives) to submit <b>nominating petitions</b> to Registrar of Voters for certification (not less than 14 days before qualifying period ends).	465(E)(1)(a)
Jul. 22, 2026 Wednesday	Oct. 15, 2026 Thursday	The <b>registrar shall assign voters</b> in the state voter registration computer system to each voting district in the parish from which an election is to be conducted on or before the 5 <sup>th</sup> business day prior to the opening of qualifying for the primary and on or before the 58 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the general election.	58(B)(2)
Jul. 28, 2026 Tuesday	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deadline for the parish governing authority</b> to submit <b>polling place changes</b>. No change shall be made commencing on the date qualifying opens and ending on the date of the general election.</li> <li>• For bond, tax, or other proposition/question election only, changes cannot be made commencing on the 46<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and ending on the day of the election.</li> </ul>	534(B)(1)

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PRIMARY DATE/TIME	GENERAL DATE/TIME	PROCEDURES	R.S. TITLE 18 LEGAL CITATION
Jul. 29, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	<b>Qualifying begins</b> for candidates in the primary election. State candidates qualify with the Secretary of State. Municipal and local candidates qualify with the Clerk of Court* of the parish in which the candidate is registered to vote.	462 467 1280.22
Jul. 31, 2026 Friday 4:30 p.m.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Qualifying ends</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after qualifying begins.</li> <li>• Clerk of Court* shall transmit a certified list of candidates who have qualified with him and forward the qualifying fees to Secretary of State immediately after the close of the qualifying period.</li> </ul>	468(A) 470(A)(3)(a)
N/A	N/A	90 days prior to a regularly scheduled <b>FEDERAL</b> primary election, the <b>ROV shall publish</b> the names and addresses of those persons on the inactive list for one day in the official journal of the parish governing authority.	193(F)
Aug. 5, 2026 Wednesday	Nov. 20, 2026 Friday	Secretary of State shall furnish the Supervisory Committee, Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, an alphabetical listing of the candidates for each of the offices to be voted on in each election. <b>Primary:</b> no later than 5 days after the close of qualifying. <b>General:</b> no later than the day after the day on which primary election returns are promulgated.	470.1
Aug. 7, 2026 Friday 4:30 p.m.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objection to candidacy</b> must be filed not later than 4:30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the close of qualifying.</li> <li>• Last day to <b>withdraw from a primary</b> election by filing a notice of withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the close of qualifying.</li> </ul>	493 1405(A) Act 386 of 2025 501(A)(1)
Sept. 18, 2026 Friday	N/A	At least <b>46 days prior to a FEDERAL</b> election, the Secretary of State shall deliver to each registrar of voters a sufficient quantity of absentee ballots (primary ballots, special ranking ballots, and electronic ballots) to be used by members of the U.S. Service and persons residing outside the U.S.	1308.2
Sept. 19, 2026 Saturday	N/A	At least <b>45 days prior to a FEDERAL</b> election, the registrar of voters shall mail absentee ballots (primary ballots, special ranking ballots, and electronic ballots) to be used by members of the U.S. Service and persons residing outside the U.S.	1308(A)(2)(a)
Sept. 21-25, 2025 Mon. - Fri.	N/A	<b>National Voter Registration Week</b> shall be the full week in which the National Voter Registration Day occurs, unless the National Voter Registration Day occurs after the close of the registration records for the regular fall primary election. In years when the president of the United States does not proclaim a National Registration Day or the National Voter Registration Day occurs after the close of the registration records for the regular fall primary election, the official state voter registration week shall be 2 weeks prior to the close of registration records for the regular fall primary election.	18(A)(8)(b)
Sept. 29, 2026 – Nov. 3, 2026 Tues. - Tues.	Nov. 7, 2026 – Dec. 7, 2026 Sat. - Sat.	<b>Electioneering prohibited at nursing homes.</b> (7 days prior to the time early voting begins at nursing homes until polls have closed on election day.)	1334(A)

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PRIMARY DATE/TIME	GENERAL DATE/TIME	PROCEDURES	R.S. TITLE 18 LEGAL CITATION
Sept. 30, 2026 Wednesday	Nov. 5, 2026 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lists of political party early voting watchers and alternate watchers</b> shall be filed by the chairman of the parish executive committee with the Registrar of Voters before 4:30 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> business day before early voting in a party primary, primary, or general election.</li> <li>• A list of watchers submitted for the party primary or primary may be used for the second party primary, primary, or general only if the chairman of the parish executive committee of the political party notifies the Registrar of Voters in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before the start of early voting for the general election that he wants to use the same list of early voting watchers.</li> </ul>	1309(N)(5) 1309(N)(7) Act 386 of 2025
Oct. 2, 2026 Friday	N/A	Last day for the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to <b>publish notice of meeting to select commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> (at least 5 days prior to the date for selection of commissioners).	434(A)(2)
Oct. 5, 2026 Monday	Nov. 12, 2026 Thursday	Last day for <b>voter registration in person or by mail</b> . (Registrars of Voters shall close books 30 days prior to any election except to permit registration for subsequent elections.)	135(A)(1)&(C)
Oct. 5, 2026 Monday	Nov. 12, 2026 Thursday	Last day for ROV to accept requests for the <b>nursing home program</b> . (at least 30 days prior to the election)	1333(D)(1)
N/A	Nov. 12, 2026 Thursday 4:30 p.m.	• Last day for a candidate to <b>withdraw from a general election</b> by filing a notice of withdrawal with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the 9 <sup>th</sup> day after the date of the primary election ( <b>does not include closed party offices</b> ).	501(B)(1)
Oct. 5, 2026 Monday	Nov. 21, 2026 Saturday	In parishes where <b>early voting</b> is conducted at additional locations, the registrar may fix the days during which early voting shall be conducted at the <b>additional location</b> during early voting period if approved by the Secretary of State at least 30 days prior to a primary election and 21 days prior to a general election.	1309(N)(1)(a) 1309.2
Oct. 5, 2026 Monday	Nov. 14, 2026 Saturday	Parish custodian of voting machines may submit a written request to Secretary of State on or before the 29 <sup>th</sup> day prior to primary election or <i>at least 4 weeks before a general election</i> , to <b>reduce or increase the number of voting machines</b> to be allocated and used in an election.	1363(G) 1363(H)
Oct. 6, 2026 Tuesday	Nov. 14, 2026 Saturday	First day for <b>nursing home residents to begin early voting</b> (2 week prior to the beginning day of early voting through the last day of early voting).	1333(B)
Oct. 7, 2026 Wednesday	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors <b>selects commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> (on the second day after the close of the registration records provided in R.S. 18:135(A)). <b>NOTE:</b> In those precincts where elections are being held to elect state and/or local officials, commissioners-in-charge, and commissioners who serve in the primary shall also serve in the general election.</li> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors <b>selects commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> on or before 21<sup>st</sup> day prior to Bond, Debt &amp; Tax Election or an election at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters.</li> </ul>	434(A)(1) Act 386 of 2025 1286(A)

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Oct. 13, 2026 Tuesday	Nov. 21, 2026 Saturday	Geaux Vote online <b>electronic registration deadline.</b> (Registrars of Voters shall close the registration records 20 days prior to an election for a person who makes an application to register to vote or make changes to an existing registration electronically.)	135(A)(3)
Oct. 13, 2026 – Oct. 19, 2026 Tues. - Mon.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall <b>publish the locations of polling places</b> at least once during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week before the primary election.</li> <li>The locations of polling places shall be <b>published to the Secretary of State’s website</b> and may be published on websites maintained by parish election officials, including the ROV and COC</li> </ul>	535(B)
N/A	Nov. 25, 2026 Wednesday	Last day for Clerk of Court* to mail notice to commissioners-in-charge, commissioners, and alternate commissioners (at least 14 days prior to the election) if pre-election course of instruction will <b>not</b> be held. (N/A for Congressional Elections)	431(B)(5)(a)
Oct. 19, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 30, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	Deadline to withdraw for races in which the withdrawal will cancel the race. The notice of withdrawal must be filed prior to 4:30 p.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day prior to the first day of early voting.	501(C) Act 386 of 2025
Oct. 20, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Nov. 28, 2026 Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Early voting in person begins</b> 14 days prior to any election in Registrars of Voters’ offices and any designated branch offices from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day (with the exception of Sunday).	1309(A) 1309(B)&(C)
Oct. 20, 2026 Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 30, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lists of watchers and alternate watchers</b> shall be filed with the Clerk of Court* before 4:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before a party primary, primary, or general election. Each candidate may designate one watcher as a “<b>Super Watcher.</b>”</li> <li>A list of watchers submitted by a candidate for the party primary or primary may be used for the second party primary, primary, or general if the candidate notifies the Clerk of Court* in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day before the general election.</li> </ul>	Act 386 of 2025 435(B)(1)(a) 435(A)(2) 435(B)(1)(b)
Oct. 27, 2026 Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 5, 2026 Saturday 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Early voting in person ends</b> 7 days prior to any election, at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>Last day for residents of <b>nursing homes</b> to vote early.</li> </ul>	1309(A)(1) 1309(A)(2) 1333(B)
Oct. 29, 2026 Thursday 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 7, 2026 Monday 10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Board of Election Supervisors <b>selects (absentee) parish board commissioners and alternate commissioners</b> at 10:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day before a primary election.</li> <li>If Parish Board of Election Supervisors and the Secretary of State or his designee determines number of parish board commissioners and alternate parish board <b>commissioners</b> should be <b>increased or decreased</b> from number serving in the primary, selection will be at 10:00 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day before the general election.</li> </ul>	1314(B)(2) 1314(C)(2)(a) 1314(C)(3)

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Oct. 29, 2026 Thursday	Dec. 7, 2026 Monday	Parish Board of Elections Supervisors shall notify the Secretary of State in writing no later than five days prior to a primary or general election that the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots will be conducted.	1313(A)
Oct. 30, 2026 Friday	Dec. 8, 2026 Tuesday	Last day to <b>hold pre-election course</b> for commissioners-in-charge, commissioners and alternate commissioners, if held (not less than 4 days prior to election). (Required for Congressional)	431(B)(1) 431(B)(5)(b)
Oct. 30, 2026 Friday	Dec. 8, 2026 Tuesday	Last day for Registrar of Voters to receive <b>written challenges of absentee</b> by mail or early voting ballots (on or before the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election).	1315(A)(1)
Oct. 31, 2026 Saturday 6:00 a.m.	Dec. 9, 2026 Wednesday 7:00 a.m.	Not less than 3 days before the opening hour of the election, the Registrar of Voters shall <b>seal and deliver a precinct register</b> for each precinct which is involved in the election to the contractor authorized by the Secretary of State to deliver voting machines.	157
Oct. 31, 2026 Saturday	Dec. 9, 2026 Wednesday	With the written approval of the Secretary of State, parishes may conduct the preparation and verification process for the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots for a primary or general election beginning 3 days before the election.	1313.1(A)(1)(b) Act 423, 2021
Nov. 1, 2026 Sunday 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 10, 2026 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Parish Custodian of Voting Machines to prepare, inspect and <b>seal voting machines</b> and notify all candidates or their representatives of the sealing of machines (no later than 36 hours prior to the opening of the polls).	1373(C)
Nov. 2, 2026 Monday	Dec. 11, 2026 Friday	PBES may conduct <b>preparation and verification</b> process for counting and tabulating absentee by mail and early voting ballots the day before the election at a time fixed by the PBES.	1313.1(A) & (C)(1)
Nov. 2, 2026 Monday	Dec. 11, 2026 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk of Court* shall <b>post in his office</b>, on the day immediately preceding the election, a <b>notice</b> of the time and place where the <b>voting machines will be opened</b> after the election.</li> <li>• <b>Voting machines must be delivered to polling places</b> no later than 11:59 p.m. the day before the election.</li> </ul>	573(A)(2) 1371(B)
Nov. 3, 2026 Tuesday 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dec. 12, 2026 Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday elections; Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday elections; voters in line at 8:00 p.m. shall be allowed to vote.</li> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall <b>fix a time to begin counting and tabulating absentee</b> by mail and early voting ballots no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day. The Board may utilize teams of parish board commissioners to count the absentee ballots.</li> <li>• Upon completion of tabulation of the absentee ballots, Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall immediately <b>transmit</b> the record of the absentee vote count to the Clerk of Court* and to the Secretary of State and shall deliver the absentee ballots to the Registrar of Voters.</li> </ul>	402 1280.21.1 541, 542 1313(A)(1)& (C)(1) 1313(H)(D)& (K)(1)

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Nov. 4, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	N/A	For <b>FEDERAL</b> Elections, the <b>COC shall deliver to the ROV the return provisional ballot envelope</b> containing all voted provisional ballots not later than 8:30 a.m. on the 1 <sup>st</sup> business day following the election.	572(A)(2)(b)
Nov. 5, 2026 Thursday 8:00 p.m.	Dec. 14, 2026 Monday 8:00 p.m.	<b>Voting machines</b> used during the election shall be <b>returned</b> to the appropriate warehouses no later than 48 hours after polls close.	1376(A)
Nov. 6, 2026 Friday	Dec. 15, 2026 Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk of Court* assisted by at least one member of the Parish Board of Election Supervisors opens and, if required, <b>breaks seals</b> on voting machines on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the election.</li> <li>• The results shall be verified from the voting machine votes and the absentee by mail and early voting votes.</li> <li>• Parish Board of Election Supervisors begins compiling election returns.</li> </ul>	573(A)(1)&(2) 573(B) 574 566.2
Nov. 6, 2026 Friday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 15, 2026 Tuesday 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>Deadline to request a recount</b> of absentee by mail and early voting ballots with the Clerk of Court* shall be the 3<sup>rd</sup> calendar day after the election by 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Immediately upon receiving any request, the Clerk of Court* shall prominently post in his office a notice of the time and place where the recount shall take place and the name of the candidate or the voter in the proposition election requesting the recount.</p>	1313(K)(2)(b) 1313.1(L)(2)(b) Act 91 of 2023
Nov. 9, 2026 Monday	Dec. 17, 2026 Thursday	<b>Recounts</b> of absentee by mail and early voting ballots if required shall be held either at 10:00 a.m. or at a time set by the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of Court on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after the election (unless ordered by a court).	1313(K)(2)(b) 1313.1(L)(2)(b)
Nov. 9, 2026 Monday 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 17, 2026 Thursday 4:00 p.m.	Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall complete the compilation of the <b>election returns</b> and file one copy of the compiled statement with the <b>Clerk of Court*</b> no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(A)(3)
Nov. 9, 2026 Monday 4:00 p.m.	N/A	<b>Deadline for Provisional ballots</b> to be counted (for <b>FEDERAL</b> elections only) at the office of the registrar of voters or at a public facility within the parish designated by the parish board of election supervisors. (They must be counted prior to the PBES compilation of returns which must be completed by 4:00 p.m. on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.)	566.2(C) 574(A)(3)
Nov. 10, 2026 Tuesday 12:00 noon	Dec. 18, 2026 Friday 12:00 noon	Clerk of Court (Parish Board of Election Supervisors in Orleans Parish) shall <b>transmit election returns</b> as shown by the compiled statement made by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors to the Secretary of State, and the Parish Board of Election Supervisors shall mail compiled statement of election returns to the Secretary of State by 12:00 noon on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(A)(3)&(F)
Nov. 10, 2026* Tuesday	Dec. 19, 2026 Saturday	Last day for Clerk of Court* to <b>transmit the names</b> , addresses and social security numbers of all commissioners who served in the election (no later than 7 days after the election).	424(E) 425(E)

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Nov. 12, 2026 Thursday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 21, 2026 Monday 4:30 p.m.	Last day for <b>contesting</b> any candidate election. (An action contesting any candidate election shall be instituted not later than 4:30 p.m. of the 9 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.)	1405(B)
Nov. 12, 2026 Thursday 12:00 noon	Dec. 21, 2026 Monday 12:00 noon	Secretary of State <b>shall verify and compile the results of the election</b> for all candidates, proposed constitutional amendments, and recall elections, and the results shall be announced on the SOS website no later than 12:00 noon on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(D)(1) 574(D)(2)
Nov. 13, 2026 Friday	Dec. 22, 2026 Tuesday	Secretary of State directs the <b>clearing of voting machines</b> and any election result cartridges where no action contesting the election has been filed. (The day after the deadline to contest.)	1376(B)
Nov. 19, 2026 Thursday	Dec. 28, 2026 Monday	Secretary of State <b>promulgates returns</b> for candidate elections on or before the 14 <sup>th</sup> day after the election.	574(E)(1)&(F)

**End of 11/03/2026 and 12/12/2026**

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**2026 ABSENTEE BY MAIL / EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE**

	Early Voting Time Period →				
	May 16	June 27	November 3	December 12	
<b>Voters in the nursing home early voting program</b> (18-1333)	Deadline to Request a Ballot from Registrar in person/by mail (30 days prior to election day)	May 2, 2026 – May 9, 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Primary/ Municipal General Jun. 13, 2026* – Jun. 20, 2026	Congressional General/ Open Primary Oct. 20, 2026 – Oct. 27, 2026	Open General Nov. 28, 2026 – Dec. 5, 2026
	Time Period extends at least 2 week prior to the beginning day for early voting through last day for early voting	Apr. 16, 2026	May 30, 2026* – Jun. 20, 2026	Oct. 5, 2026	Nov. 12, 2026
<b>Military stationed anywhere and civilians overseas</b> (18-1303.(B), 1307, 1311.(D)(1)(a))	Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (day before election day) (4:30 p.m. deadline)	Apr. 18, 2026 – May 9, 2026	Oct. 6, 2026 – Oct. 27, 2026	Nov. 14, 2026 – Dec. 5, 2026	
	An application to vote by mail shall remain valid for a period extending at least one year from the date the application is received and shall include at least one regularly scheduled federal general election. (Applies to UOCAVA voters)	May 15, 2026	June 26, 2026	Nov. 2, 2026	Dec. 11, 2026
<b>Hospitalized voters</b> (18-1303.(D)(1), 1307.(D), 1311.(D)(1)(b))	Deadline for a Mail Ballot to be Received by Registrar (election day) (8:00 p.m. deadline)	May 16, 2026	June 27, 2026	Nov. 3, 2026	Dec. 12, 2026
	For voters who are 65 years or older and participants in the former special Program for Handicapped Voters, an application to vote by mail shall remain valid for four years, unless canceled by voter, or a ballot sent is returned to the registrar as undeliverable. For qualified disabled voters, an application to vote by mail is valid indefinitely, unless canceled by voter, or a ballot sent is returned to the registrar as undeliverable.	May 12, 2026	Jun. 23, 2026	Oct. 30, 2026	Dec. 8, 2026
<b>All other voters eligible to vote by mail</b> (18-1303, 1307, 1308)	Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (4 days before election day) (4:30 p.m. deadline)	May 15, 2026	Jun. 26, 2026	Nov. 2, 2026	Dec. 11, 2026
	Deadline for a Mail Ballot to be Received by Registrar (day before election day) (4:30 p.m. deadline)	May 12, 2026	Jun. 23, 2026	Oct. 30, 2026	Dec. 8, 2026
<b>Sequestered juror</b> (18-1307.1, 1307.2, 1308.1)	Deadline to Request a Ballot from Registrar	Noon on election day			
	Deadline for a Mail Ballot to be Received by Registrar	8:00 p.m. on election day			

\*Date subject to change if the Governor proclaims a state observed holiday for Juneteenth.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

All candidates shall be qualified electors as required by R.S. 18:463\*

### OFFICE

### QUALIFICATIONS

### LEGAL CITATION

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR	The candidate shall be a qualified elector of the district for which the candidate seeks election, unless he is elected at large, in which case he shall be a qualified elector of Louisiana. No U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress or person holding an office of trust or profit under the U.S. shall be elected a presidential elector.	R.S.18:1252 U.S.C.A. Const. Art. II §1, cl. 2
GOVERNOR	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of 25 years, be an elector, and have been a citizen of the United States and of Louisiana for at least the preceding 5 years. A person who has served as governor for more than one and one-half terms in two consecutive terms shall not be elected governor for the succeeding term.	La. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 2 & Sec. 3(B)
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE TREASURER COMM. OF AGRICULTURE COMM. OF INSURANCE	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of 25 years, be an elector, and have been a citizen of the United States and of Louisiana for at least the preceding 5 years.	La. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 2
ATTORNEY GENERAL	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of 25 years, be an elector, and have been a citizen of the United States and of Louisiana for at least the preceding 5 years and shall have been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana for at least the 5 years preceding the candidate's election.	La. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 2
U. S. SENATOR+	The candidate shall have attained the age of 30 years, have been a citizen of the United States for 9 years, and be an inhabitant of Louisiana when elected.	R.S. 18:1275(A) U.S.C.A. Const. Art I §3, cl. 3
U. S. REPRESENTATIVE+	The candidate shall have attained the age of 25 years, have been a citizen of the United States for 7 years, and be an inhabitant of Louisiana when elected.	R.S. 18:1275(B) U.S.C.A. Const. Art I §2, cl. 2
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT+ JUDGE, COURT OF APPEAL JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, FAMILY COURT JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT JUDGE, PARISH COURT	The candidate shall have been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana for at least 10 years for supreme court or court of appeals candidates and 8 years for district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction candidates, prior to the candidate's election. The candidate shall have been domiciled in the respective district, circuit, or parish for 1 year preceding the candidate's election. Elected or appointed incumbent judges must resign 24 hours before qualifying for any non-judicial election, Justices of the Peace excepted. However, any incumbent judge appointed to a vacancy or newly created judicial office will be ineligible as a candidate in the election for the office which they were appointed to. In order to run for another office, they must resign from their office at least 24 hours prior to the date of qualifying for such other office. A judge appointed to fill a vacancy shall be ineligible as a candidate at the election to fill the vacancy. Candidate must be younger than the mandatory retirement age of 70, and a judge who reaches age 70 while serving a term of office will be allowed to complete the term.	R.S. 42:39 La. Const., Art. V, Sec. 22, 23, 24
PUBLIC SERVICE COMM.+	The candidate shall be a qualified elector. By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of eighteen years, resided in the state for the preceding two years, and been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the single-member district established by law from which he seeks election. No person who has served as a member of the commission for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be elected to the commission for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person elected to the commission prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.	R.S. 45:1161.1 La. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 21(A)(2)

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+Beginning in 2026, these offices will now have closed party primaries. See Page 31 for more information.

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OFFICE	QUALIFICATIONS	LEGAL CITATION
STATE BOARD OF ELEM. and SECONDARY EDUCATION+	The candidate shall be a resident of the district. No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be elected or appointed to the board for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person elected or appointed to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph (Dec. 8, 2008), except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.	R.S. 17:1 B La. Const., Art. VIII, Sec. 3(B)(2)
STATE SENATOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of 18 years, resided in Louisiana for the preceding 2 years, and been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the legislative district from which the candidate seeks election. At the next regular election for members of the legislature following legislative reapportionment, an elector may qualify as a candidate from any district created in whole or in part from a district existing prior to reapportionment if he was domiciled in that prior district for at least 1 year immediately preceding his qualification and was a resident of Louisiana for the 2 years preceding his qualification. If elected must change domicile to district before being sworn in. No person elected to serve as a member of the legislature for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be elected for the succeeding term beginning with the term beginning on or after January 8, 1996.	La. Const., Art. III, Sec. 4
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	The candidate shall have been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana for at least 5 years prior to the candidate's election and shall have resided in the district for the 2 years preceding the candidate's election.	La. Const., Art. V, Sec. 26 (A)
SHERIFF CLERK OF COURT ASSESSOR	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have resided in Louisiana for the preceding 2 years and shall have been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the parish from which he seeks election.	R.S. 18:451.2
CORONER	The candidate shall be a licensed physician, unless no licensed physician in the parish will accept the office. The coroner shall be a resident of the parish, or a licensed physician who is not a resident of the parish but maintains a full-time medical practice at a principal medical office facility in the parish. For St. Tammany Parish, please see R.S. 13:5771 for additional qualifications.	La. Const., Art. V, Sec. 29 R.S. 13:5704 Act 526, 2024 RS
POLICE JUROR -OR- PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of 18 years, resided in Louisiana for the preceding 2 years, and been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the district from which the candidate seeks election.  Check Parish Home Rule Charter for qualifications and term limits.  <b>Note for Both:</b> In a parish with more than 10,000 (population), a sitting police juror or parish council member who is appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Parish President is not eligible to run for that office in the election to fill the vacancy.	R.S. 33:1225 La. Const., Art. III, Sec. 4  Parish Home Rule Charter
JUDGE, CITY COURT	The candidate shall be licensed to practice law in Louisiana for at least 5 years previous to the candidate's election and shall have been a qualified resident elector of the territorial jurisdiction of the court for at least 2 years prior to the candidate's election. Elected or appointed incumbent judges are not eligible to run for any elective office other than their own or another judicial office. In order to run for another office, they must resign from their office at least 24 hours prior to the date of qualifying for such other office. A judge appointed to fill a vacancy shall be ineligible as a candidate at the election to fill the vacancy. Candidate must be younger than the mandatory retirement age of 70 and a judge who reaches age 70 while serving a term of office will be allowed to complete the term. (Considered a ward office per Attorney General Opinion No. 78-798.) Check additional qualifications for specific courts in Title 13. For municipalities governed by a Home Rule or Legislative Charter, consult the Home Rule or Legislative Charter for additional qualifications.	R.S. 13:1873 R.S. 42:39 La. Const., Art. V, Sect. 22 & 23

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MARSHAL, CITY COURT	The candidate shall be a resident elector of the territorial jurisdiction of the court and shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education if not in office on 8/15/97. (Considered a ward office per Attorney General Opinion No. 78-798.)	R.S. 13:1880
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have attained the age of 18, possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, resided in Louisiana for the preceding 2 years, and have been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the parish, ward, or district from which the candidate seeks election. The candidate shall be able to read and write. At the next regular election following reapportionment an elector may qualify in any district created in whole or in part from a district existing prior to reapportionment if he was domiciled in the prior district for at least 1 year immediately preceding his qualification and was a resident of Louisiana for the 2 years preceding his qualification. If elected must change domicile to district before being sworn in. No person elected to serve as a member of a school board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, such service being during terms that began on or after January 1, 2014, shall be elected for the succeeding term. (See separate term limit provisions for Jefferson and Lafayette Parishes.)	R.S. 17:52(D) & (E) R.S. 17:60.4 Act 204, 2024
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Any person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to a crime listed in R.S. 15:587.1(C) is not eligible to qualify as a candidate for membership on a school board.  The candidate shall be of good moral character, a qualified elector, be a resident of the ward and district from which elected and able to read and write the English language correctly. By the date of qualification, the candidate shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. A justice of the peace appointed to fill an unexpired term is not authorized to run for that office in the next subsequent election for that office, either special or otherwise, even though he has officially resigned from the office of justice of the peace.  In Plaquemines Parish, the justice of the peace in ward three may be a resident of ward three or ward four and the respective district.	R.S. 13:2582, R.S. 42:39.2 La. Const., Art. V, Sec. 23 Attorney General Opinion No. 90-324  Act 81, 2024
CONSTABLE (Justice of the Peace Court)	The candidate shall be of good moral character, able to read and write the English language, possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education if not in office on 11/1/95 and shall be an elector and resident of the ward or district from which the candidate is elected.	R.S. 13:2583(A)
GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION MEMBER	The candidate shall be a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter and taxpayer of Louisiana, and of the tenth ward, parish of Lafourche.	R.S. 34:1651(D)

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The qualifications below apply to municipalities governed by the Lawrason Act. For municipalities governed by a Home Rule or Legislative Charter, consult the Home Rule or Legislative Charter for qualifications.

<b>MAYOR</b>	The candidate shall be an elector of the municipality who at the time of qualification shall have been domiciled and actually resided for at least the immediately preceding year in the municipality.	R.S. 33:384
<b>CHIEF OF POLICE MARSHAL</b>	<p>The candidate shall be an elector of the municipality when elected. At the time of qualification, the candidate shall have been domiciled for at least the immediately preceding year in a city or town. The candidate for chief of police of a village shall reside within the boundaries of the parish in which the village is located for at least the immediately preceding year. There is an exception in the town of Gueydan, which allows for a person who resides outside the corporate limits of the town but inside the territorial limits of Ward 8 of Vermilion Parish. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the village of Napoleonville. An elected chief of police in the village of Pine Prairie shall reside within the corporate limits of the village. At the time of qualification as a candidate for the office of chief of police, a person shall have been domiciled in the village for at least the immediately preceding year.</p> <p>Any person currently serving as an elected chief of police for at least one year, and who has not met the training requirements pursuant to R.S. 33:2345 (A) and (B) within the preceding year before the opening of qualifying, or who does not qualify for a legal exemption as specified below, is prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for reelection for that office.</p> <p>Exemptions to the new chief management course for purposes of qualifying:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any candidate for chief of police that was elected prior to January 1, 2004 and has been in continuous service since that date is not required to complete the new chief management course stipulated in R.S. 33:2345 (A) to be eligible to qualify as a candidate for reelection.</li> <li>2. Any candidate for chief of police that has served as an elected chief of police continuously since January 1, 1983 is exempt from the R.S. 33:2345(A) and (B) training requirements for the purposes of eligibility to qualify as a candidate for reelection.</li> </ol>	R.S. 33:2345(A)&(B)
<b>ALDERMAN COUNCILMAN COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	The candidate shall be an elector of the municipality who at the time of qualification shall have been domiciled and actually resided for at least the immediately preceding year in the municipality. In addition, those elected from wards must be residents of their respective wards at the time of qualifying.	R.S. 33:384 & 385 Attorney General Opinion No. 98-319

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**QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES**  
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**POLITICAL PARTY OFFICE**

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**LEGAL CITATION**

DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE	The candidate shall meet the qualifications established by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of the political party.	R.S. 18:443(A) R.S. 18:443.2(1)
DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN PARISH EXECUTIVE COMM.	The candidate shall meet the qualifications established by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of the political party.	R.S. 18:444(A)

**REAPPORTIONMENT - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**LEGAL CITATION**

At the first election following reapportionment, "An elector may qualify as a candidate from any district created in whole or in part from a district existing prior to reapportionment if he was domiciled in that prior district for the time limit provided by law preceding his qualification, provided he becomes domiciled in the district he is elected to represent prior to being sworn into office."	Attorney General Opinion No. 94-334
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**NOTE: RESTRICTIONS FOR CONVICTED FELONS (For any office other than U.S. Senator or Representative) - Louisiana Constitution Article I, Section 10.1:**

**(A) Disqualification. The following persons shall not be permitted to qualify as a candidate for elective public office or hold elective public office or appointment of honor, trust, or profit in this state:**

- (1) A person actually under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.
- (2) A person who has been convicted within this state of a felony and who has exhausted all legal remedies, or who has been convicted under the laws of any other state or of the United States or of any foreign government or country of a crime which, if committed in this state, would be a felony and who has exhausted all legal remedies and has not afterwards been pardoned either by the governor of this state or by the officer of the state, nation, government, or country having such authority to pardon in the place where the person was convicted and sentenced.

**(B) Exception.** The provisions of Paragraph (A) of this Section shall not prohibit a person convicted of a felony from qualifying as a candidate for elective public office or holding such elective public office or appointment of honor, trust, or profit if more than five years have elapsed since the completion of his original sentence for the conviction.

**\*NOTE: RESTRICTIONS FOR RECALLED PUBLIC OFFICIALS - R.S. 18:1300.13(B)(2)**

A public officer who has been recalled and removed from office shall be ineligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the vacancy created by the recall. A Lawrason Act recalled public officer shall also be ineligible as a candidate at an election to fill any other vacancy on the governing authority of the Lawrason Act that is held prior to the next regularly scheduled election.

**\*NOTE: RESTRICTIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RETIRED OR RESIGNED - R.S. 18:586(A)&(B)**

No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local elective office shall be appointed to succeed himself in the office from which the official retired or resigned. No elected official who has retired or resigned from state or local elective office shall be eligible as a candidate at an election called to fill the vacancy created by the retirement or resignation of the elected official.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES (ORLEANS PARISH ONLY)

OFFICE	QUALIFICATIONS	LEGAL CITATION
JUDGE, CIVIL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATE, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT	The candidate shall have been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana for at least 8 years prior to the candidate's election and shall have been domiciled in the respective district, circuit, or parish for 1 year preceding the candidate's election.	Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 24
SHERIFF CLERK OF COURT, CIVIL/CRIMINAL	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have resided in Louisiana for the preceding 2 years and shall have been actually domiciled for the preceding year in Orleans Parish. (Residency and domicile requirements do not affect persons holding office on 8/15/99.)	R.S. 18:451.2
ASSESSOR	By the date of qualification, the candidate shall have resided in Louisiana for the preceding 2 years and shall have been actually domiciled for the preceding year in Orleans Parish. (Residency and domicile requirements do not affect persons holding office on 8/15/99.)	R.S. 18:451.2
JUDGE, MUNICIPAL and TRAFFIC COURT	The candidate shall not be less than 30 years of age when elected, a qualified elector of Orleans Parish, shall have practiced law in Louisiana for at least 8 years preceding the candidate's election, and shall be domiciled in the parish of Orleans for at least two years prior to his election. (Considered a municipal office per Attorney General Opinion No. 78-798.)	R.S. 13:2492(A) Act 631, 2016 RS
JUDGE, FIRST/SECOND CITY COURT	The candidate shall have been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana for at least 8 years prior to the candidate's election, and shall have been qualified resident electors of the territorial jurisdiction of the court for at least 1 year prior to their election. (Considered a municipal office per Attorney General Opinion Number 86-486.)	R.S. 13:2152.3
CONSTABLE, FIRST/SECOND CITY COURT	The candidate shall be a citizen of Louisiana and resident and voter of the city of New Orleans.	R.S. 13:5821
CLERK, FIRST/SECOND CITY COURT	The candidate shall be a qualified elector.	R.S. 18:463, R.S. 13:2153.1
MAYOR	The mayor shall be a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector of the City, and shall have been domiciled in the City for at least 5 years immediately preceding the election.	New Orleans Home Rule Charter Section 4-202
COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE	A councilmember-at-large shall be a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector and domiciled in New Orleans, and shall not hold any other public office or position, except the office of notary public, office in the military or naval forces or a position as a public school, public college, or public university administrator, teacher, instructor, or professor. The candidate shall have been domiciled in New Orleans for 2 years immediately preceding their election.	New Orleans Home Rule Charter Section 3-104
COUNCILMEMBER	A councilmember shall be a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector of and domiciled in New Orleans, and shall not hold any other public office or position, except the office of notary public, office in the military or naval forces or a position as a public school, public college, or public university administrator, teacher, instructor, or professor. The candidate shall have been domiciled in the district from which elected for at least 2 years immediately preceding their election. At the next regular election for members of the council following council redistricting, an elector may qualify as a candidate from any district created in whole or in part from a district existing prior to redistricting, if the elector was domiciled in that prior district for at least 2 years immediately preceding qualification.	New Orleans Home Rule Charter Section 3-104

## FEES/NOMINATING PETITIONS TO QUALIFY FOR OFFICE

Candidates may qualify by paying the State Fee (plus State Central Committee Fee and Parish Executive Committee Fee, where applicable) **OR** by filing a Nominating Petition. Candidates serving in the armed forces of the U.S. stationed or deployed outside the U.S. shall not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee. (R.S. 18:461(A)(1))

### Candidates qualify with **SECRETARY OF STATE**

The qualifying fee shall be paid in cash or by certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union, United States Postal money order, or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union. (R.S. 18:464) Checks/Money Orders Payable To: Louisiana Department of State. All fees can be paid with one check including the qualifying fee, campaign sign recycling fee, and party fees, if applicable.

	QUALIFYING FEE (R.S.18:464(B)) Qualifying fee collected from each candidate.	CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING FUND FEE (R.S.18:464(B)(5)) Additional fee collected from each candidate.	STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEE (R.S.18:464(C)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate.	PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEE (R.S.18:464(D)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate, <b>IF ASSESSED</b> by Parish Committee.	NOMINATING PETITIONS (IN LIEU OF FEES) (R.S.18:465(C)) Required number of signatures of voters eligible to vote on the office.
<b>Presidential Electors (slate) (Non-affiliated ONLY) (R.S. 18:1254A)</b>	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	0 (cannot assess)	0 (cannot assess)	2,500 Not less than 250 from each Congressional District
<b>Presidential Nominee (Presidential Preference Primary) (R.S. 18:1280.22 A)</b>	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$500.00	0 (cannot assess)	1,000 Affiliated with party from each Congressional District
<b>Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General Treasurer Commissioner of Agriculture Commissioner of Insurance</b>	\$2,500.00	\$25.00	\$1,250.00	0 (cannot assess)	2,500 Not less than 250 from each Congressional District
<b>U.S. Senator *</b>	\$3,500.00 (Only Dem. & Rep.)	\$25.00	\$1,750.00	0 (cannot assess)	2,500** From within the state
<b>U.S. Representative *</b>	\$1,500.00 (Only Dem. & Rep.)	\$25.00	\$750.00	0 (cannot assess)	750** From within the state
<b>Associate Justice, Supreme Court * Public Service Commissioner *</b>	\$450.00 (Only Dem. & Rep.)	\$25.00	\$225.00	0 (cannot assess)	1,000
<b>Judge, Court of Appeal</b>	\$450.00	\$25.00	\$225.00	0 (cannot assess)	500
<b>Member, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education *</b>	\$600.00 (Only Dem. & Rep.)	\$25.00	\$300.00	0 (cannot assess)	1,000

\* Per Acts 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, starting in 2026, only Democratic and Republican party candidates can qualify by paying the fee for party primary elections. All other parties and non-affiliated candidates must qualify via nominating petition. For more information, see page 31.

\*\* Per Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Legislative Session, for 2026 only, the signatures needed for a nominating petition can be collected from any qualified voters within the state, regardless of their congressional district.

## FEES/NOMINATING PETITIONS TO QUALIFY FOR OFFICE

Candidates may qualify by paying the State Fee (plus State Central Committee Fee and Parish Executive Committee Fee, where applicable) **OR** by filing a Nominating Petition. Candidates serving in the armed forces of the U.S. stationed or deployed outside the U.S. shall not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee. (R.S. 18:461(A)(1))

### Candidates qualify with **CLERK OF COURT**

The qualifying fee shall be paid in cash or by certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union, United States Postal money order, or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union. (R.S. 18:464)

LOCAL OFFICE (Orleans Parish excepted)	QUALIFYING FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)) Qualifying fee collected from each candidate.	CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING FUND FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)(5)) Additional fee collected from each candidate.	STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(C)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate.	PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(D)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate. <b>IF ASSESSED by Parish Committee.</b>	NOMINATING PETITIONS (IN LIEU OF FEES) (R.S. 18:465(C)) Required number of signatures of voters eligible to vote on the office.
State Representative	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
State Senator Judge, District Court: District	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	500
Judge, District Court: Subdistrict/Election Section	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	1/2 of 1% of registered voters as of 30 days before end of qualifying
Judge, Family Court: East Baton Rouge (only) Judge, Juvenile Court: Election Section (Caddo, East Baton Rouge)	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	1/2 of 1% of registered voters as of 30 days before end of qualifying
Judge, Juvenile Court: Section (Jefferson)	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
District Attorney	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	500
Judge, Parish Court Sheriff Clerk of Court Assessor Coroner Parish President	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Police Juror/Parish Council (parishwide or district) School Board	\$115.00	\$25.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 57.50	100

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### Candidates qualify with CLERK OF COURT

The qualifying fee shall be paid in cash or by certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union, United States Postal money order, or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union. (R.S. 18:464)

LOCAL OFFICE (Orleans Parish excepted)	QUALIFYING FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)) Qualifying fee collected from each candidate.	CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING FUND FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)(5)) Additional fee collected from each candidate.	STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(C)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate.	PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(D)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate. <b>IF ASSESSED by Parish Committee.</b>	NOMINATING PETITIONS (IN LIEU OF FEES) (R.S. 18:465(C)) Required number of signatures of voters eligible to vote on the office.
Judge, City Court Marshal, City Court Justice of the Peace Constable (J. P. Court) Greater Lafourche Port Commission Member	\$ 75.00	\$25.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 37.50	100
Democratic/Republican State Central Committee Member	\$ 75.00	0 (cannot assess)	\$ 37.50	0 (cannot assess)	Lesser of 400 or 10% of voters affiliated with party
Democratic/Republican Parish Executive Committee Member	\$ 75.00	0 (cannot assess)	0 (cannot assess)	\$ 37.50	Lesser of 400 or 10% of voters affiliated with party

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE – Candidates pay qualifying fee or submit nominating petition according to population shown by the latest federal decennial census. R.S. 18:464(B)(3)

MUNICIPAL POPULATION	QUALIFYING FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)) Qualifying fee collected from each candidate.	CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING FUND FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)(5)) Additional fee collected from each candidate.	STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(C)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate.	PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(D)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate. <b>IF ASSESSED by Parish Committee.</b>	NOMINATING PETITIONS (IN LIEU OF FEES) (R.S. 18:465(C)) Required number of signatures of voters eligible to vote on the office.
0 to 4,999	\$ 40.00	\$25.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	50
5,000 to 24,999	\$ 75.00	\$25.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 37.50	200
25,000 to 49,999	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	300
50,000 to 99,999	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	500
100,000 to 299,999	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	750
300,000 or more	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000

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### ORLEANS PARISH ONLY Candidates qualify with **CRIMINAL DISTRICT CLERK OF COURT**

The qualifying fee shall be paid in cash or by certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union, United States Postal money order, or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union. (R.S. 18:464)

LOCAL OFFICE	QUALIFYING FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)) Qualifying fee collected from each candidate.	CAMPAIGN SIGN RECYCLING FUND FEE (R.S. 18:464(B)(5)) Additional fee collected from each candidate.	STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(C)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate.	PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEE (R.S. 18:464(D)) Additional fee collected from each Democratic and Republican candidate, IF ASSESSED by Parish Committee.	NOMINATING PETITIONS (IN LIEU OF FEES) (R.S. 18:465(C)) Required number of signatures of voters eligible to vote on the office.
State Senator	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	500
State Representative	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Judge, Civil/Criminal District Court	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	500
Magistrate, Criminal District Court	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	500
Judge, Juvenile Court	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Sheriff	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Clerk of Court	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Assessor	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Coroner	\$225.00	\$25.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	400
Judge, Municipal and Traffic Court (A.G. #78-798)	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000
Judge, First/Second City Court (A.G. #86-468)	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000
Constable, First/Second City Court	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000
Clerk, First/Second City Court	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000
Mayor	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000
Councilmember (ALL)	\$375.00	\$25.00	\$187.50	\$187.50	1,000
School Board	\$115.00	\$25.00	\$57.50	\$57.50	100
Democratic/Republican State Central Committee Member	\$75.00	0 (cannot assess)	\$37.50	0 (cannot assess)	Lesser of 400 or 10% of voters affiliated with party
Democratic/Republican Parish Executive Committee Member	\$75.00	0 (cannot assess)	0 (cannot assess)	\$37.50	Lesser of 400 or 10% of voters affiliated with party

# 2026 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	May 16	June 27	November 3	December 12
Type of Election	Party Primary/ Municipal Primary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Primary/ Municipal General	Congressional General/ Open Primary	Open General
1 <sup>st</sup> Day to Obtain Signature for Nominating Petitions+	9/16/2025	n/a	3/31/2026	n/a
Deadline: Submit Nominating Petitions to Registrar of Voters+	1/14/2026	n/a	7/1/2026	n/a
Deadline: Specials	1/14/2026	n/a	7/1/2026	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	1/14/2026	4/27/2026	7/1/2026	10/12/2026
Qualifying Dates	2/11/2026 – 2/13/2026	n/a	7/29/2026 – 7/31/2026	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	4/15/2026	5/27/2026	10/5/2026	11/12/2026
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	4/25/2026	6/6/2026	10/13/2026	11/21/2026
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	5/12/2026	6/23/2026	10/30/2026	12/8/2026
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	5/15/2026	6/26/2026	11/2/2026	12/11/2026
Early Voting Begins	5/2/2026	6/13/2026*	10/20/2026	11/28/2026
Early Voting Ends	5/9/2026	6/20/2026	10/27/2026	12/5/2026

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Dates for the 2026 calendar year have been adjusted per Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Spring election dates have been adjusted per Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Legislative Session.

\*Date subject to change if the Governor proclaims a state observed holiday for Juneteenth.

+ Beginning in 2026, all candidates for closed party primary offices who are not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties must qualify via nominating petition by the deadline for the Party Primary Election (Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session). For more information, see page 31.

# 2027 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	April 17	May 29	October 9 <sup>^</sup>	November 20 <sup>^</sup>
Type of Election	BESE Party Primary/ Municipal Primary	BESE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Primary/ Municipal General	Gubernatorial Primary/ BESE General	Gubernatorial General
1 <sup>st</sup> Day to Obtain Signature for Nominating Petitions+	9/15/2026	n/a	4/5/2027	n/a
Deadline: Submit Nominating Petitions to Registrar of Voters+	12/16/2026	n/a	7/6/2027	n/a
Deadline: Specials	12/16/2026	n/a	7/6/2027	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	12/16/2026	3/29/2027	7/6/2027	9/20/2027
Qualifying Dates	1/13/2027 – 1/15/2027	n/a	8/3/2027 – 8/5/2027	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	3/17/2027	4/28/2027	9/8/2027	10/20/2027
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/27/2027	5/8/2027	9/18/2027	10/30/2027
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	4/13/2027	5/25/2027	10/5/2027	11/16/2027
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	4/16/2027	5/28/2027	10/8/2027	11/19/2027
Early Voting Begins	4/3/2027	5/15/2027	9/25/2027	11/5/2027*
Early Voting Ends	4/10/2027	5/22/2027	10/2/2027	11/13/2027

## IMPORTANT NOTES

All dates for the 2027 calendar year have been adjusted per Act 640 of the 2024 regular legislative session.

<sup>^</sup> Election dates advanced one week in accordance with R.S. 18:402

\*Early Voting advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Veteran's Day.

+ All candidates for closed party primary offices who are not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties must qualify via nominating petition by the deadline for the Party Primary Election. (Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session) For more information, see page 31.

# 2028 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	March 25	May 6	November 7	December 16
Type of Election	Presidential Preference Primary/ Party Primary/Municipal Primary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Primary/Municipal General	Presidential/Congressional General/Open Primary	Open General
1 <sup>st</sup> Day to Obtain Signature for Nominating Petitions+	8/17/2027	n/a	3/28/2028	n/a
Deadline: Submit Nominating Petitions to Registrar of Voters+	11/17/2027	n/a	6/28/2028	n/a
Deadline: Specials	11/17/2027	n/a	6/28/2028	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	11/17/2027	3/6/2028	6/28/2028	10/16/2028
Qualifying Dates	12/15/2027 – 12/17/2027	n/a	7/26/2028 - 7/28/2028	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	2/23/2028	4/5/2028	10/10/2028*	11/15/2028
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/4/2028	4/15/2028	10/17/2028	11/25/2028
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	3/21/2028	5/2/2028	11/3/2028	12/12/2028
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	3/24/2028	5/5/2028	11/6/2028	12/15/2028
Early Voting Begins	3/11/2028	4/22/2028	10/20/2028**	12/2/2028
Early Voting Ends	3/18/2028	4/29/2028	10/31/2028	12/9/2028

## IMPORTANT NOTES

All dates for the 2028 calendar year have been adjusted per Act 640 of the 2024 regular legislative session.

\*In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline advanced one day due to Columbus Day (national postal holiday).

\*\*Early voting extended in accordance with R.S. 18:1309(A)(1)(a)(i)

+ All candidates for closed party primary offices who are not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties must qualify via nominating petition by the deadline for the Party Primary Election. (Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session) For more information, see page 31.

## PRESIDENTIAL QUALIFYING

**3/25/2028 Presidential Preference Primary:** Democratic/Independent/Republican presidential nominees - Qualifying period begins 12/15/2027, ends 12/17/2027.

**11/7/2028 Presidential Election:**

- **Recognized political party candidates** are certified to SOS by state central committee prior to 4:30 p.m. on 8/15/2028. If not timely certified by state central committee, then national chairman of Democratic/Republican Party certifies presidential candidates to SOS prior to 4:30 p.m. on 8/18/2028.
- **Other presidential candidates** - Qualifying period begins 7/18/2028, ends 4:30 p.m. 8/18/2028.

# 2029 ELECTIONS

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE

Date of Election	April 21	June 2	October 6 <sup>^</sup>	November 17 <sup>^</sup>
Type of Election	Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Open Primary/Orleans Municipal Parochial Primary	Open General/Orleans Municipal Parochial General
1 <sup>st</sup> Day to Obtain Signature for Nominating Petitions <sup>+</sup>	9/12/2028	n/a	3/13/2029	n/a
Deadline: Submit Nominating Petitions to Registrar of Voters <sup>+</sup>	12/13/2028	n/a	6/13/2029	n/a
Deadline: Specials	12/13/2028	n/a	6/13/2029	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	12/13/2028	4/2/2029	6/13/2029	9/17/2029
Qualifying Dates	1/10/2029 – 1/12/2029	n/a	7/11/2029 – 7/13/2029	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	3/21/2029	5/2/2029	9/05/2029	10/17/2029
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/31/2029	5/12/2029	9/15/2029	10/27/2029
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	4/17/2029	5/29/2029	10/02/2029	11/13/2029
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	4/20/2029	6/1/2029	10/05/2029	11/16/2029
Early Voting Begins	4/7/2029	5/19/2029	9/22/2029	11/03/2029
Early Voting Ends	4/14/2029	5/26/2029	9/29/2029	11/10/2029

## IMPORTANT NOTES

<sup>^</sup>Election date advanced one week in accordance with R.S. 18:402(A)

<sup>+</sup> Beginning in 2026, all candidates for closed party primary offices who are not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties must qualify via nominating petition by the deadline for the Party Primary Election. (Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session) For more information, see page 31.

## LOUISIANA POLITICAL PARTIES

- A recognized political party is classified as a **major political party** if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least five percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least five percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election (R.S. 18:441(C)). Only major political parties will hold closed party primary elections.
- If a candidate is a member of a **recognized political party** in Louisiana, then the name of the party appears after the candidate's name on the ballot.
- If the candidate is a **member of a political party** that is **NOT a recognized political party** in Louisiana, then "Other" appears after the candidate's name on the ballot.
- If the candidate is **NOT affiliated with any political party**, then "No Party" appears after the candidate's name on the ballot.
- No political party shall be recognized in this state which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or the "Independent Party."
- A voter who is registered as or declares party affiliation as "Independent" or with the "Independent Party" shall have his party affiliation entered as "No Party" and the registrant shall be notified of the change in registration.

Political Party	Type of Political Party	Appears on the Qualifying Form	Appears on the Ballot
Democratic	recognized/ major	Democrat	Democrat
Republican	recognized/ major	Republican	Republican
Green	recognized	Green	Green
Libertarian	recognized	Libertarian	Libertarian
Other	not recognized	party name that was provided if any	Other
Not affiliated with any party	-	No Party	No Party

**R.S. 18:441.B authorizes political parties (other than Democratic and Republican) to become recognized if:**

- At least 5,000 registered voters are registered as being affiliated with the party.
- The party files a notarized registration statement with Secretary of State. (form available on website: sos.la.gov)
- The party pays a registration fee of \$5,000 to Secretary of State.

**Restrictions on newly-recognized political parties:**

- Party is not entitled to representation on Parish Board of Election Supervisors, unless 5% of the registered voters in the state are registered as being affiliated with the party.
  - When qualifying for office, candidates pay only the state qualifying fee and the campaign sign recycling fund fee. These candidates do not pay any party fees. R.S. 18:441(D)(1)
  - Party cannot have Presidential Preference Primary party candidates for presidential nominee; must have 40,000 registered voters to participate in PPP.
  - Party will cease to be recognized if no registered member of the party qualifies as a candidate in a primary election for any period of four consecutive years.
- For more information regarding closed party primaries beginning in 2026, see page 31.**

**CLOSED PARTY PRIMARY  
ACT NO. 1 OF THE 2024 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

“Party primary office” means:

- **U.S. Senators**
- **U.S. Representatives**
- **Supreme Court Justices**
- **Public Service Commissioner**
- **Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Member**

**Notes:**

Party primary elections are scheduled in accordance with La R.S. 18:402. They will take place at the same time as the spring municipal elections.

R.S. 18:410.1 states that party primary elections for party primary offices apply only to major political parties recognized pursuant to R.S. 18:441(C). The Democratic and Republican parties are the only two parties that currently meet this criteria.

Any candidate who is not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties shall file his notice of candidacy, which shall be accompanied by a nominating petition as provided in R.S. 18:465, with the appropriate qualifying official during the qualifying period established for the party primary election. See page 22 of the Ballot Box.

Voters must vote for a candidate affiliated with their party. Voters not affiliated with any party can choose which party to affiliate with.

All unaffiliated candidates, as well as candidates affiliated with a party other than Democratic or Republican, will only appear on the general election ballot in the fall, along with the Democratic and Republican candidates who won their party’s primary. The general election is an open election, meaning that all eligible voters may vote for any candidates of their choice. The candidate who receives the most votes is the winner of the fall general election for party primary offices. There will not be a runoff for the general election.

## CONTACTS FOR ELECTIONS ASSISTANCE

**Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Phone: 225-922-0900**

**Fax: 225-922-0945**

Election Day Hours: 5:30 a.m. or 6:30 a.m. until last results are in.

Election Day Hotline: 800-883-2805

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## ELECTION WORKERS SELECTION CHART

### Commissioner Selection Requirements:

- A. Commissioners are selected in accordance with the law. La. R.S. 433, 434; 196(A); 1286(A), 1300.10
- B. Prior to drawing the commissioners, the clerks of court shall review and print a copy of the ‘**Commissioner Selection – Active Eligible Voter Counts-30 day**’ report from ERIN (located under the “Clerk” tab > Commissioner Payroll > Reports > Commissioner Selection – Active Eligible Voter Counts-30 day’ report) for the parish boards of election supervisors to use.
- C. The parish boards of election supervisors **MUST** use this report to select no more than the number of commissioners assigned on the report to each precinct. This report will be used by secretary of state’s accounting department for payment. Drawing more commissioners than allowed on this report will result in the clerk’s office paying for those additional commissioners, unless additional commissioners are approved.

**Additional Commissioners Requests:** Pursuant to La. R.S. 425(A)(3), the parish boards of election supervisors may submit a written request to the secretary of state designee asking for additional commissioners due to overcrowding **no later than 23 days prior to election.**

**Reducing Between a Primary and General:** The governing authority, with the approval of the parish board of election supervisors, may adopt a resolution reducing the number of commissioners, but may not reduce to less than 1 commissioner-in-charge and 2 commissioners. La. R.S. 425(A)(2)

**For General Election Dates with Propositions Only:** When a proposition election is called on a general election date and there is no candidate election on the ballot and the number of commissioners for each precinct is less than the number of commissioners chosen for the primary election date, the appropriate number of commissioners shall be chosen from the list of commissioners who worked at the precinct for the primary election. La R.S. 1286(C)

**Commissioner Training Requirements:** Pursuant to La. R.S. 431(B)(5)(b), a pre-election school is required to be held for all presidential and congressional elections. For all other elections, the clerk of court in accordance with La. R.S. 431(B)(5)(a) may mail a notice to the commissioner **at least 14 days prior to the election** if a pre-election school will not be held and then the commissioners may receive payment as if it had been held.

### Commissioner Pay Information

Type of Commissioner	Polling Location	Pay	Legal Citations
<b>Commissioner-in-Charge</b> (Must have one CIC per precinct even if it has less than 300 registered voters)	Standard polling location with only one (1) precinct.	\$250.00 per election	R.S. 18:424(A); R.S. 18:426.1(1)
	Consolidated polling location with more than one (1) precinct.	\$350.00 per election	R.S.18:425.1(B); R.S. 18:426.1(2) Act 423, 2022
<b>Commissioner</b>	All	\$200 per election, if certified at a general school and pre-election school; or \$100 per election, if certified at a general school; or \$35 per election, if not certified.	R.S. 18:426.1(3); R.S. 18:426.1(4); R.S. 18:426.1(5)

## ELECTION WORKERS SELECTION CHART

Type of Election	Number of Commissioners per Precinct	Number of Commissioners per Precinct - When Less Than 300 Active Registered Voters In Precinct	Consolidated Precincts	Number of CIC	Legal Citations
<p><b>a) CONGRESSIONAL</b> (First Party Primary and Second Party Primary) Spring 2026, 2028; or</p> <p><b>b) CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL</b> (Open Primary and Open General) Fall 2026, 2028; or</p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>c) GUBERNATORIAL</b> (Primary and General) Fall 2027, 2031; or</p> <p><b>d) PRESIDENTIAL</b> (Primary and General) Fall 2028, 2032; or</p> <p><b>e) ORLEANS PARISH ONLY</b> (Parish Municipal Election) Fall 2029, 2033</p>	<p>Allowed 2-4 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-3 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-4 commissioners per consolidated precincts. See Report for exact number.</p>	1	<p>R.S. 18:425(A)(1)(a); R.S. 18:425(A)(2); R.S. 18:425(A)(3); R.S. 18:425.1(B); R.S. 18:425.1(B)</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Presidential Preference Primary ("PPP") ONLY</b></p> <p>This is the PPP only, which includes the offices of Presidential Nominees, State Central Committee member and Parish Executive Committee member. Held in Spring 2024, 2028 - primary election only. State pays 100%, if NOTHING ELSE is on the ballot.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-4 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-3 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-4 commissioners per consolidated precincts. See Report for exact number.</p>	1	<p>R.S. 18:425(A)(1)(a); R.S. 18:425(A)(2); R.S. 18:425(A)(3); R.S. 18:425.1(B); R.S. 18:1280.21(E); R.S. 18:1400.5; Act 377, 2021</p>

## ELECTION WORKERS SELECTION CHART

Type of Election	Number of Commissioners per Precinct	Number of Commissioners per Precinct - When Less Than 300 Active Registered Voters In Precinct	Consolidated Precincts	Number of CIC	Legal Citations
<p><b>Presidential Preference Primary “PPP” + Municipal Election (together) in some parishes</b></p> <p>This is the PPP and the Municipal Primary and General Election in certain parishes. ②</p> <p>3 Held at same time as PPP in Spring 2024, 2028, primary &amp; general election.</p> <p>Locals pay 100%.</p> <p>If a special vacancy election or proposition is added to this ballot, locals pay 100%.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-4 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-3 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-4 commissioners per consolidated precincts. See Report for exact number.</p>	1	<p>R.S. 18:425(A)(1)(a); R.S. 18:425(A)(2); R.S. 18:425(A)(3); R.S. 18:425.1(B); R.S. 18:1400.5; Act 377, 2021</p>
<p>②Municipalities include Baker, Clarence, Clayton, Columbia, Dry Prong, Ferriday, Florien, Grand Isle, Greensburg, Greenwood, Henderson, Jackson, Lucky, Madisonville, Mandeville, Martin, Monroe, Natchitoches, Norwood, Powhatan, Richwood, Saline, Slaughter and Vidalia.</p>					
<p><b>Any Special VACANCY Election, Regular Municipal CANDIDATE Election, PROPOSITION Election OR TAX Election –</b></p> <p>4 When NOTHING ELSE is on the ballot, this election type applies.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-3 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.</p>	<p>Allowed ONLY 2 commissioners per precinct. See Report.</p>	<p>Allowed 2-3 commissioners per consolidated precincts depending on the size. See Report for exact number.</p>	1	<p>R.S. 18:425(A)(1)(b); R.S. 18:425(A)(2); R.S. 18:425 (A)(3); R.S. 18:425.1(B); R.S. 18:1286(A)</p>

## ELECTION WORKERS SELECTION CHART

Type of Election	Number of Commissioners per Precinct	Number of Commissioners per Precinct - When Less Than 300 Active Registered Voters In Precinct	Consolidated Precincts	Number of CIC	Legal Citations
<b>5 Recall Election</b>	Allowed 2-3 commissioners per precinct. See Report for exact number.	Allowed ONLY 2 commissioners per precinct. See Report.	Allowed 2-3 commissioners per consolidated precincts depending on the size. See Report for exact number.	1	R.S. 18:1300.10
<b>Alternate Commissioners:</b> Same number as commissioners. Per R.S. 18:425.1(B); 1286(A); 1286.1(B) and 1300(B). <b>Pay:</b> Shall receive the same compensation as a commissioner. Per R.S. 18:426(C).					
<b>Parish Board Commissioners Election Day Tally:</b> The parish board may select a maximum of <b>six (6)</b> parish board commissioners to count absentee by mail and early voting ballots on election day. <b>Pay:</b> \$50.00. <b>Additional:</b> PBES may request additional parish board commissioners for approval by the secretary of state; may request additional pay at \$100.00 per day for approval by Secretary of State prior to the election. Per R.S. 18:1314(B); 1314(C) and 1314(E).					
<b>Parish Board Commissioners Provisional Ballot Tally:</b> PBES shall determine if parish board commissioners are necessary and will select enough parish board commissioners to count provisional ballots. (must receive advance approval from secretary of state in writing or by telephone) <b>Pay:</b> \$50.00. <b>Additional:</b> PBES may request additional pay at \$100.00 per day for approval by Secretary of State prior to the election. Per R.S. 18:1314(D) and 1314(E).					
<b>Early Voting Commissioners:</b> The registrar of voters may determine the number of commissioners needed to conduct early voting and request advance written approval from secretary of state. Early voting commissioners must be certified through a general school. <b>Pay:</b> \$150.00 per day. Per R.S. 18:1309(J) and 426.1(3). Act 423, 2022					
<b>Parish Deputy Custodians:</b> Appointed by the Clerk of Court. <b>Pay:</b> \$100.00 Per Election (Cost distributed evenly between precincts at polling place not to exceed \$100). Per R.S. 18:1354(C). (See Act 626, 2016)					
In cases of emergencies declared by the governor, see Act 11, 2020 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Session for special provisions.					



**BALLOT PREPARATION: 2026 CALENDAR**  
(The following schedule will be followed unless delayed by court.)

<b>May 16, 2026 – Party Primary/Municipal Primary Election</b> <b>June 27, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Party Primary/Municipal General Election</b>		
Action Date	Action	Election Date
JAN. 14	DL: Deliver props to SOS	5/16/26
21*	DL: SOS send prop wording to Printer	5/16/26
26	DL: Printer deliver AVC machine prop spacing to SOS	5/16/26
FEB. 4	DL: SOS receive jurisdiction changes from ROV	5/16/26
11	Qualifying opens	5/16/26
13	Qualifying closes at 4:30 p.m.	5/16/26
20	DL: Objection to candidacy DL: Deadline to withdraw from the primary election	5/16/26
23	SOS Elections Div. sends candidate data file to Printer SOS begins importing ICX ballots to program and emailing to Registrars for approval	5/16/26
23	SOS send Packing Lists to Printer	5/16/26
27	SOS begins sending AVC machine ballots to printer	5/16/26
MAR. 10	DL: SOS send AVC machine ballots to Printer	5/16/26
30	DL: Printer ship ABS ballots to ROV by Fed Ex <sup>^</sup>	5/16/26
31	DL: Fed Ex deliver ABS ballots to ROV <sup>^</sup>	5/16/26
APR. 6	DL: Printer print AVC ballots and complete packing supplies	5/16/26
27	DL: Deliver props to SOS	6/27/26

Action Date	Action	Election Date
30	DL: SOS receive jurisdiction changes from ROV	6/27/26
MAY 1	DL: SOS send prop wording to Printer	6/27/26
2	Early voting begins	5/16/26
6	DL: Printer deliver AVC machine prop spacing to SOS	6/27/26
9	Early voting ends	5/16/26
MAY 16	PARTY PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION	5/16/26
18	SOS Elections Div. sends candidate data file to Printer SOS begins importing ICX ballots to program and emailing to Registrars for approval	6/27/26
19	SOS send Packing Lists to Printer	6/27/26
20	SOS begins sending AVC machine ballots to the printer	6/27/26
22	DL: SOS send AVC machine ballots to Printer	6/27/26
JUN. 8	DL: Printer print AVC machine ballots and complete packing supplies	6/27/26
10	DL: Printer ship ABS ballots to ROV by Fed Ex <sup>^</sup>	6/27/26
11	DL: Fed Ex deliver ABS ballots to ROV <sup>^</sup>	6/27/26
13+	Early voting begins	6/27/26
20	Early voting ends	6/27/26
JUN. 27	2 <sup>nd</sup> PARTY PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION	6/27/26

\* Deadline advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr.  
+Date subject to change if the Governor proclaims a state observed holiday for Juneteenth.  
<sup>^</sup> Reflects statutory deadline; ballots will be shipped as soon as possible.

## BALLOT PREPARATION: 2026 CALENDAR

(The following schedule will be followed unless delayed by court.)

November 3, 2026 – Congressional General/Open Primary Election December 12, 2026 – Open General Election		
Action Date	Action	Election Date
JUL. 1	DL: Deliver props to SOS	11/3/26
8*	DL: SOS send prop wording to Printer	11/3/26
13*	DL: Printer deliver AVC machine prop spacing to SOS	11/3/26
22*	DL: SOS receive jurisdiction changes from ROV	11/3/26
29	Qualifying opens	11/3/26
31	Qualifying closes at 4:30 p.m.	11/3/26
AUG. 7	DL: Objection to candidacy DL: Deadline to withdraw from the primary election	11/3/26
10	SOS send Packing Lists to Printer	11/3/26
10	SOS Election Div. sends candidate data file to Printer SOS begins importing ICX ballots to program and emailing to Registrars for approval	11/3/26
14	SOS begins sending AVC machine ballots to Printer	11/3/26
25	DL: SOS send AVC machine ballots to Printer	11/3/26
SEPT. 17	DL: Printer ship ABS ballots to ROV by Fed Ex <sup>^</sup>	11/3/26
18	DL: Fed Ex deliver ABS ballots to ROV <sup>^</sup>	11/3/26
OCT. 6	DL: Printer print AVC ballots and complete packing supplies	11/3/26
12	DL: Deliver props to SOS	12/12/26

Action Date	Action	Election Date
15	DL: SOS receive jurisdiction changes from ROV	12/12/26
16	DL: SOS send prop wording to Printer	12/12/26
20	Early voting begins	11/3/26
21	DL: Printer deliver AVC machine prop spacing to SOS	12/12/26
27	Early voting ends	11/3/26
NOV. 3	<b>CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL/OPEN PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	11/3/26
4	SOS Election Div. sends candidate data file to Printer SOS begins importing ICX ballots to program and emailing to Registrars for approval	12/12/26
5	SOS send Packing Lists to Printer	12/12/26
6	DL: SOS begins sending AVC machine ballots to Printer	12/12/26
10	DL: SOS send AVC ballots to Printer	12/12/26
23	DL: Printer print AVC machine ballots and complete packing supplies	12/12/26
23	DL: Printer ship ABS ballots to ROV by Fed Ex <sup>^</sup>	12/12/26
24**	DL: Fed Ex deliver ABS ballots to ROV <sup>^</sup>	12/12/26
28	Early voting begins	12/12/26
DEC. 5	Early voting ends	12/12/26
DEC. 12	<b>OPEN GENERAL ELECTION</b>	12/12/26

\* Deadline advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Independence Day.  
 \*\* Deadline advanced two days due to the state observed holiday for Thanksgiving and Acadian Day.  
 ^ Reflects statutory deadline; ballots will be shipped as soon as possible.

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## 2029 SPRING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
April 21, 2029

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
June 2, 2029

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**  
January 10-12, 2029

NOTE: There are NO regularly scheduled elections in this parish. These dates are provided in the event special elections or proposition elections are called.

Deadline to call a special election: December 13, 2028.  
Deadline to call a proposition election for 4/21/2029 election: December 13, 2028.  
Deadline to call a proposition election for 6/2/2029 election: April 2, 2029.

## 2029 FALL OPEN PRIMARY AND OPEN GENERAL ELECTIONS

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
October 6, 2029

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
November 17, 2029

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**  
July 11-13, 2029

NOTE: There are NO regularly scheduled elections in this parish. These dates are provided in the event special elections or proposition elections are called.

Deadline to call a special election: June 13, 2029.  
Deadline to call a proposition election for 10/06/2029 election: June 13, 2029.  
Deadline to call a proposition election for 11/17/2029 election: September 17, 2029.

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## 2028 FALL ELECTIONS

**OPEN PRESIDENTIAL &  
CONGRESSIONAL  
GENERAL AND OPEN  
PRIMARY**

**November 7, 2028**

**GENERAL ELECTION**

**December 16, 2028**

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**

**July 26-28, 2028**

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
<b>OPEN GENERAL</b>				
Presidential Electors*	-	12/19/2028	12/19/2028	all
President/Vice President*	4	1/20/2029	1/20/2033	-
U.S. Senator*	6	1/3/2029	1/3/2035	-
U.S. Representative*	2	1/3/2029	1/3/2031	2
Public Service Commissioner*	6	1/1/2029	12/31/2034	3

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## 2028 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY/PARTY PRIMARY AND SPRING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**PPP/PARTY  
PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL  
PRIMARY  
March 25, 2028**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PARTY  
PRIMARY/MUNICIPAL  
GENERAL  
May 6, 2028**

**QUALIFYING PERIOD  
December 15-17, 2027**

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY</b>				
Democratic Presidential Nominee*	-	-	-	-
Republican Presidential Nominee*	-	-	-	-
Independent Presidential Nominee*	-	-	-	-
Democratic State Central Committee Member	4	within 40 days after election	within 40 days after election	all
Republican State Central Committee Member	4	within 40 days after election	within 40 days after election	all
Democratic Parish Executive Committee Member	4	within 40 days after election	within 40 days after election	all
Republican Parish Executive Committee Member	4	within 40 days after election	within 40 days after election	all
<b>PARTY PRIMARY</b>				
U.S. Senator*^	-	-	-	-
U.S. Representative*^	-	-	-	2
Public Service Commissioner*^	-	-	-	3

^ Democratic and Republican Party Races

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## 2027 PARTY PRIMARY/SPRING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**PARTY PRIMARY/  
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**  
April 17, 2027

**2<sup>ND</sup> PARTY PRIMARY/  
MUNICIPAL GENERAL**  
May 29, 2027

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**  
January 13-15, 2027

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
<b>PARTY PRIMARY</b>				
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education*^	-	-	-	2

^ Democratic and Republican Closed Party Races

## 2027 FALL ELECTIONS

**GUBERNATORIAL  
PRIMARY AND BESE  
GENERAL**  
October 9, 2027

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
November 20, 2027

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**  
August 3-5, 2027

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
<b>OPEN GENERAL</b>				
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	2
<b>OPEN PRIMARY</b>				
Governor*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Lt. Governor*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Secretary of State*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Attorney General*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Treasurer*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Commissioner of Agriculture*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Commissioner of Insurance*	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
State Senator	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	2, 19
State Representative	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	56, 57, 58
Sheriff	4	7/1/2028	6/30/2032	-
Clerk of Court	4	7/1/2028	6/30/2032	-
Assessor	4	1/1/2029	12/31/2032	-
Coroner	4	3/27/2028	3/21/2032	-
Parish President	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	-
Councilmen	4	1/10/2028	1/12/2032	all

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## 2026 PARTY PRIMARY/SPRING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**PARTY PRIMARY/  
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**  
May 16, 2026

**2<sup>ND</sup> PARTY PRIMARY/  
MUNICIPAL GENERAL**  
June 27, 2026

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**  
February 11-13, 2026

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
<b>PARTY PRIMARY</b>				
U.S. Senator*^	-	-	-	-
U.S. Representative*^	-	-	-	2

^ Democratic and Republican Closed Party Races

## 2026 FALL ELECTIONS

**OPEN CONGRESSIONAL  
GENERAL AND  
OPEN PRIMARY**  
November 3, 2026

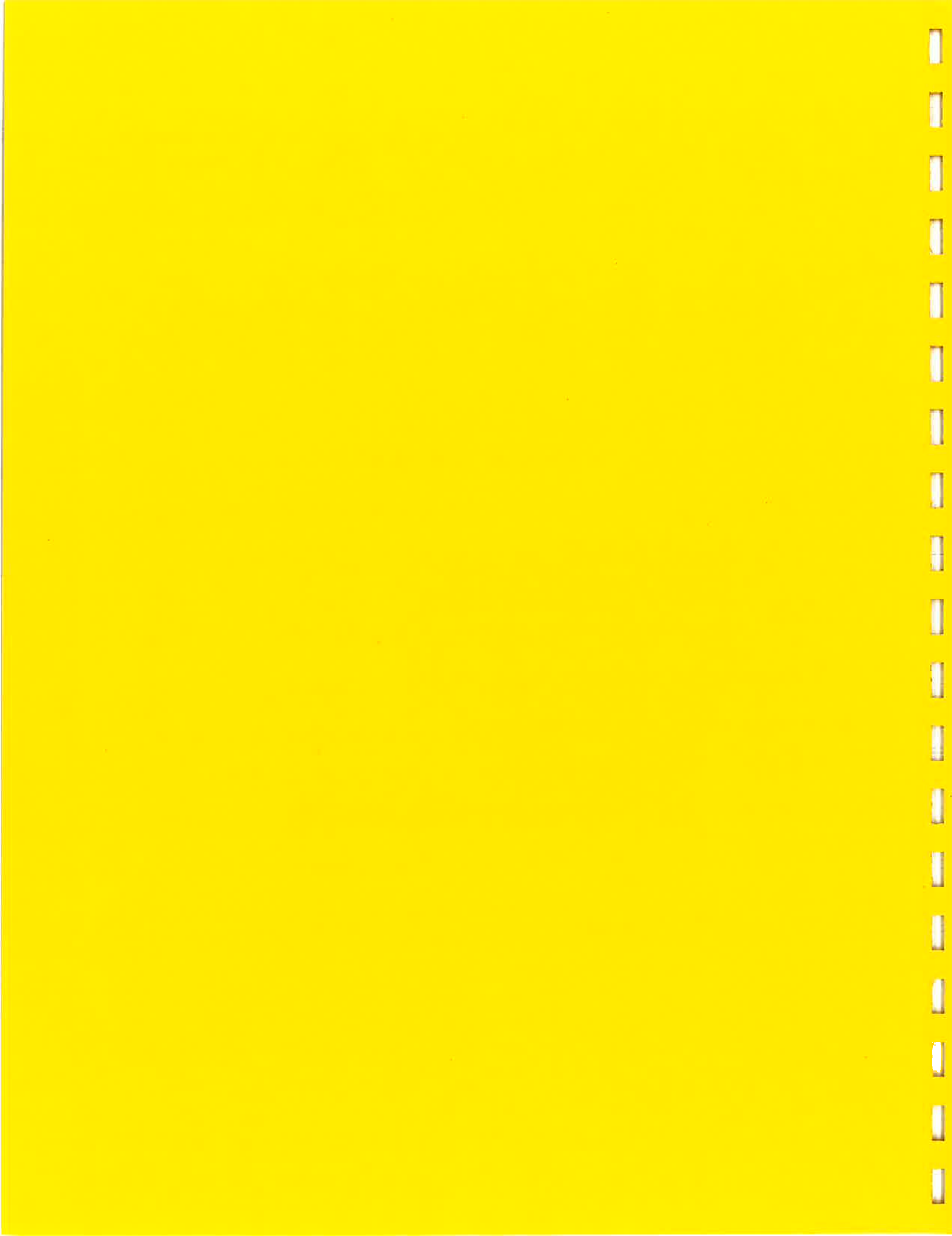
**GENERAL ELECTION**  
December 12, 2026

**QUALIFYING PERIOD**  
July 29-31, 2026

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
<b>OPEN GENERAL</b>				
U.S. Senator*	6	1/3/2027	1/3/2033	-
U.S. Representative*	2	1/3/2027	1/3/2029	2
<b>OPEN PRIMARY</b>				
District Judges	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	40 <sup>th</sup> JDC
District Attorney	6	1/11/2027	1/9/2033	40 <sup>th</sup> JDC
School Board Members	4	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	all
Justices of the Peace	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	all
Constables (Justice of the Peace Courts)	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	all

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2026-2029



Nancy Landry, Secretary of State

Sherri Hadskey, Commissioner of Elections

Lani Boyd, Deputy Commissioner of Elections