ENROLLED ACT NO. 22

First Extraordinary Session, 2011 HOUSE BILL NO. 29 BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(C)(introductory paragraph), (D), (E)(1)(c) and (e) and
(2)(c) and (e), and (F)(3) and (6), 467(3) and (4), and 514, relative to provisions of
Title 18 (Louisiana Election Code) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 which
are limited in applicability to certain political subdivisions or local areas based upon
population classifications; to adjust population categories to retain applicability of
provisions relative to dates of local elections and dates associated with such
elections; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 18:402(C)(introductory paragraph), (D), (E)(1)(c) and (e) and (2)(c)
and (e), and (F)(3) and (6), 467(3) and (4), and 514 are hereby amended and reenacted to
read as follows:
§402. Dates of primary and general elections
* * *
C. Municipal and ward elections. In all municipalities with a population of
less than four three hundred seventy-five thousand, elections for municipal and ward
officers who are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress
shall be held every four years.
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D. Parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality
with a population of four hundred seventy-five three hundred thousand or more.
Elections for parochial and municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality
with a population of four three hundred seventy-five thousand or more shall be held
every four years, beginning in 2006, as follows:

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1	(1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers in a parish
2	containing a municipality with a population of four hundred seventy-five thousand
3	or more shall be held on the first Saturday in February of an election year.
4	(2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers in a parish
5	containing a municipality with a population of four hundred seventy-five thousand
6	or more shall be held on the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in February of
7	an election year.
8	E. Special elections to fill newly created office or vacancy in office. An
9	election to fill a newly created office or vacancy in an existing office, except the
10	office of state legislator or representative in congress, shall be held on the dates fixed
11	by the appropriate authority in the proclamation ordering a special election as
12	follows:
13	(1) A special primary election shall be held on the first of the following days
14	that is not less than eleven weeks after the date on which the proclamation calling the
15	special primary election was issued:
16	* * *
17	(c) The first Saturday in April, when the special general election is held on
18	the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in April or on the second or third Saturday
19	in February during the presidential election year, if the statewide presidential
20	preference primary election is scheduled on the second or third Saturday in February
21	of the presidential election year; however, commencing in 1986 and every fourth
22	year thereafter, this date shall not be applicable in a parish containing a municipality
23	with a population of four three hundred seventy-five thousand or more.
24	* * *
25	(e) The first Saturday in February of an election year for parish and
26	municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of four
27	three hundred seventy-five thousand or more.
28	(2) A special general election shall be held on one of the following days:
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1	(c) The fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in April of any year unless
2	the primary election is held on the second or third Saturday in February; in such case
3	the general election shall be held on the fourth Saturday after the second or third
4	Saturday in February, as the case may be; however, commencing in 1986 and every
5	fourth year thereafter, this date shall not be applicable in a parish containing a
6	municipality with a population of four three hundred seventy-five thousand or more.
7	* * *
8	(e) The fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in February in a parish
9	containing a municipality with a population of four three hundred seventy-five
10	thousand or more, when the special primary election in such parish and municipality
11	is held on the first Saturday in February of an election year for parish and municipal
12	officers.
13	* * *
14	F. Bond, tax, or other elections. Every bond, tax, or other election at which
15	a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters shall be held only on one
16	of the following dates:
16 17	of the following dates: * * *
17	* * *
17 18	* * * * (3) The first Saturday in April or the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday
17 18 19	* * * (3) The first Saturday in April or the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in April of any year or on the second or third Saturday in February or fourth Saturday
17 18 19 20	* * * (3) The first Saturday in April or the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in April of any year or on the second or third Saturday in February or fourth Saturday after the second or third Saturday in February, as the case may be, during the
17 18 19 20 21	* * * (3) The first Saturday in April or the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in April of any year or on the second or third Saturday in February or fourth Saturday after the second or third Saturday in February, as the case may be, during the presidential election year, if the statewide presidential preference primary election
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1	§467. Opening of qualifying period
2	The qualifying period for candidates in a primary election shall open:
3	* * *
4	(3) For candidates in a primary election for municipal and ward officers who
5	are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress in
6	municipalities with a population of less than four three hundred seventy-five
7	thousand and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time, on
8	the second Wednesday in February of the year of the election, unless the primary
9	election is held on the second or third Saturday in February; in such case the
10	qualifying period for candidates in such primary election shall open on the second
11	Wednesday in December of the year prior to the election.
12	(4) For candidates in a primary election for parochial and municipal officers
13	in a parish containing a municipality with a population of four three hundred
14	seventy-five thousand or more and in which the municipal and parochial elections
15	are held at the same time, on the second Wednesday in December preceding the year
16	of the election.
17	* * *
18	§514. Parish with municipality population of four three hundred seventy-five
19	thousand or more; municipal and parochial officers; date of taking office
20	A. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all All elected parochial and
21	municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of four
22	three hundred seventy-five thousand or more shall take office on the first Monday
23	in May of 1982 and each four years thereafter.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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