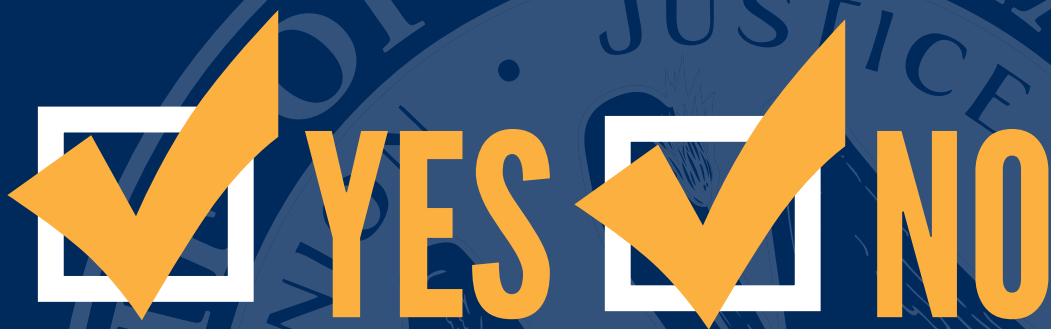


PROPOSITION PACKET



INFORMATION
for Proposition Elections

REV. 1/2021

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Dear Friend:

The Secretary of State's office receives many requests for information about submitting propositions for placement on ballots during an election. The enclosed materials include a sample submission and other information which should be helpful throughout the process.

If you have any further questions regarding the enclosed proposition packet, you may contact the Elections Division of Secretary of State's office at 225.922.0900, or toll free at 1.800.883.2805.

I would also like to invite you to visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.louisiana.gov which contains other useful information about elections and voting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Landry".

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General Information - Propositions
(Placing Bond, Debt, and Tax Propositions on the Ballot)

1. A proposition or question must be authorized by the state constitution, state law, or by home rule charter. ([La R.S. 18:1299](#))
2. Election dates are set by law. ([La R.S. 18:402](#))
3. Gaming, gambling or wagering referendum elections must be enacted by a bill through the legislature specifically authorizing the election. ([La. Const. Art. XII, Sec. 6\(C\)](#) and [La R.S. 18:1300.22](#))
4. The governing authority calls a bond, debt or tax proposition by resolution. See [La R.S. 18:1284](#) and [La R.S. 18:1285](#) for specific details.
5. The preparation of a question or proposition is the responsibility of the governing authority or other entity calling the election and is required to be comprised of simple, unbiased, concise and easily understood language and be in the form of a question and not exceed 200 words and cannot include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type. The secretary of state is responsible for ensuring compliance. ([La R.S. 18:1299.1](#))
6. The election is required to be noticed at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in the official journal. Notice shall run not less than 45 days and not more than 90 days prior to the election. ([La R.S. 18:1285](#))
7. For bond, debt and tax propositions and any proposition subject to approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission, please contact the bond commission at 225.342.0042 for additional information, including requirements for a certificate of approval. The bond commission holds its agenda review on the Monday proceeding the regular months meeting, which is held on the third Thursday of each month. **NOTE:** The following propositions **DO NOT** require bond commission approval:
 - A. Alcohol;
 - B. Sunday closing;
 - C. Stock law; and
 - D. Some leasing of public property (certain elections concerning public property have received bond commission approval)
8. Written notice of the election and the certificate of bond commission approval must be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election, and at least 54 days prior to the general election. ([La R.S. 18:1285](#))
9. If a bond, debt or tax proposition fails, the Louisiana Constitution prohibits a political subdivision from submitting “the same tax proposition, or a new tax proposition that includes such a tax proposition, to the electorate more than once within a six month period except in the case of an emergency as determined by the governing authority of the political subdivision”. ([La. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 30](#)). Approval is required by the bond commission and the governor.
10. The governing authority must file a Proces Verbal (a certified report that includes pertinent information regarding the election) with the secretary of state’s office, Publications Division, whether the proposition passes or fails. Process Verbal filing fees are \$10 for the certificate and \$2 per page. ([La R.S. 18:1292](#), [La R.S. 18:1293](#) and [La R.S. 1400.2\(C\)\(2\)](#))
11. Neighborhood Crime Prevention and Security District elections are governed by [La R.S. 18:1300.31](#).

Excerpts from

Louisiana Election Code

Title 18

of the Louisiana Revised Statutes

R.S. 18:1281 – 18:1300

As Amended through the 2022 Regular Session

C. Repealed by Acts 1984, No. 672, §3.

Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979. S.C.R. No. 4, 1983, 2nd Ex. Sess. Acts 1984, No. 672, §1; Acts 1986, No. 35, §1, eff. June 17, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 427, §1.

CHAPTER 6-A. BOND, DEBT, AND TAX ELECTIONS

§1281. Statement of purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement Article VI, Section 22 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 by establishing a uniform procedure for the conduct of elections to authorize the issuance of bonds, the assumption of indebtedness, and the imposition or increase of taxes by political subdivisions. The procedure for elections set forth in this Chapter shall apply to and shall supersede those provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 which were continued as statutes under authority of Part II of Article XIV of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and existing laws of the state of Louisiana, notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained therein. However, nothing contained in this Chapter shall repeal the limitations in effect on January 1, 1975 on the authority of political subdivisions to impose or increase taxes.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1282. Political subdivision defined

For purposes of this Chapter, the term "political subdivision" means a state department, agency, board, or commission; a parish; a municipality; a school board and a school district; a levee board and a levee district; a port board and a port commission; a port, harbor, terminal and industrial district; and any special service district, including but not limited to a road, water, sewerage, fire, protection, recreation, gas utility, or garbage district, and any other board, district, or unit of local government authorized by law to conduct elections for the issuance of bonds, the levying or increasing of any tax, or the assumption of indebtedness.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1283. Elections

A. In every case in which the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 as now existing or hereafter amended, or of law, as now existing or hereafter amended or enacted, requires the approval of voters at an election in a political subdivision as a prerequisite to the issuance of bonds, levying or increasing of any tax, or the assumption of indebtedness by said political subdivision, the election shall be held substantially in accordance with the election laws set forth in Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, except that the election shall be called, conducted, canvassed, promulgated, and notice thereof given by the governing authority of the political subdivision in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth.

B. The governing authority of the political subdivision may call a special election for any of these purposes to be held on any of the dates set forth in R.S. 18:402(F), and it shall call an election for any of these purposes when requested to do so by the petition in writing of one-fourth of the electors qualified to vote at an election.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1284. Resolution calling election; proposition

A. The election shall be ordered by a resolution of the governing authority of the political subdivision which shall state the purpose for which it is called.

B. If the purpose of the election is to authorize the issuance of bonds, the resolution and the proposition submitted to the voters shall state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and, if required by the law pursuant to which the bonds are issued, the estimated millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue, the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued, the number of years for which the bonds are to run, and the maximum rate of interest on the bonds.

C. If the purpose of the election is to authorize the levy or increase of a special tax, the resolution and the proposition submitted to the voters shall state the rate, object, and purpose for which the tax is to be levied or increased; the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy or increase of the tax for one entire year at the time it is proposed; and, if it is to be limited as to duration, the number of years it is to run. If the purpose of the election is to authorize an increase of a tax, the resolution and the proposition shall also state the rate increase. The contents of any proposition or resolution relative to the issuance of general obligation bonds shall be as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

D. If the purpose of the election is to authorize the assumption of indebtedness, the resolution and the proposition submitted to the voters shall state the amount and nature of the debt to be assumed.

E. In each election ordered by a governing authority of a political subdivision for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds, the proposition on the ballot submitted to the voters shall state the kind and source of revenues which are pledged to retire the bonds.

F.(1) The preparation of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election. The proposition shall include the information required by this Section in simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question. The proposition shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type.

(2) The secretary of state shall be responsible for ensuring that the proposition complies with the requirements of this Section.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978; Acts 1983, No. 519, §1, eff. July 8, 1983; Acts 1993, No. 426, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 768, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2008, No. 136, §1, eff. June 6, 2008; Acts 2010, No. 591, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 138, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2014, No. 60, §1, eff. May 16, 2014.

§1285. Notice of election

A.(1)(a)(i) Notice of the election shall be given and shall embrace substantially all matters required to be set forth in the resolution ordering the election, including a list of precincts where the proposition will be voted on and an indication for each precinct as to whether or not all registered voters in the precinct will be eligible to vote on the proposition, unless the proposition is to be voted on parishwide.

(ii) If the notice is relative to the increase of a special tax, the notice shall also state the proposed increase in the millage rate of a property tax or percentage rate of sales tax.

(iii) If the notice is relative to an election which affects ad valorem taxation, the notice shall also state that a portion of the monies collected shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

(iv) The notice shall also state that the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election will, in open session, at the hour and place named, proceed to canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

(v) The notice shall also state the estimated cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of this Title and actual costs of similar elections.

(b) The list of commissioners for an election called in accordance with R.S. 18:1286(A) is not required to be set forth in the notice of election.

(2) The notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the official journal of the political subdivision, or, if there is none, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish. Not less than forty-five days nor more than ninety days shall intervene between the date of the first publication and the date of the election.

B.(1)(a) Written notice of the election and the certificate required by Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be transmitted to the secretary of state and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be held on a primary election date, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election. The secretary of state shall not accept any revisions to propositions, including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of the notice and certificate to the secretary of state, unless prior to the printing of the ballots the revision will correct a typographical error and the revision has been approved by the governing authority that called the proposition election.

(b) The secretary of state shall not prepare or certify the ballot with respect to any election for bond, debt, or tax propositions, conducted pursuant to this Chapter, or in respect to any other election where the proposition is subject to approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission, including but not limited to any proposition to adopt, amend, or repeal a home rule charter which is subject to such approval, until he receives certification in writing from the chairman of that commission that the commission has considered and approved the proposition.

(2) The secretary of state shall not include any proposition on any ballot of any election if such notice and certificate required by Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection are not timely received by the secretary of state. The failure of the clerk of court or registrar of voters to timely receive notice and the certificate, as provided for herein, shall not prevent the secretary of state from including the proposition on the ballot. Any elector who is eligible to vote in the election may apply for injunctive relief to prohibit the placing of a proposition on the ballot if notice and the certificate are not timely received by the secretary of state. Venue for such application shall be in any parish in which the election is called, and the secretary of state shall be a proper party defendant.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1979, No. 229, §1, eff. July 13, 1979; Acts 1980, No. 792, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 1981, No. 76, §1, eff. June 26, 1981; S.C.R. No. 8 of 1981 1st Ex. Sess; Acts 1984, No. 589, §1, eff. July 12, 1984; Acts 1986, No. 669, §1; Acts 1987, No. 831, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1988; Acts 1988, No. 909, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1989, No. 179, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1990; Acts 1992, No. 949, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1993; Acts 1993, No. 418, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 1995, No. 1114, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 1999, No. 254, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 451, §6, eff. Jan. 12, 2004; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2010, No. 591, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 139, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2012, No. 283, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2016, No. 281, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2017; Acts 2019, No. 205, §1; Acts 2021, No. 381, §1, eff. June 17, 2021.

§1286. Polling places; election officers

A. When an election called under the provisions of this Chapter is not held at the same time as the election of any public official, the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election shall use the established polling places and provide the voting machines and a compiled statement of qualified voters. On or before the twenty-first day prior to such election, the parish board of election supervisors shall appoint the number of commissioners for each precinct as provided in R.S. 18:425(A)(1)(b) and not less than the same number of alternate commissioners for each precinct, all of whom shall meet the qualifications set

forth in Part II of Chapter 5 of this Title. The commissioner-in-charge for each precinct at which an election called under the provisions of this Chapter is held shall be the commissioner-in-charge selected or appointed for such precinct under the provisions of Part II of Chapter 5 of this Title.

B. When an election called under the provisions of this Chapter is held at the same time as the election for any public official, the election shall be held solely in compliance with the provisions of Parts II and V of Chapter 5 of this Title, and the commissioners selected for the election for public officials shall be the commissioners for the election called under the provisions of this Chapter and shall only receive the compensation provided for in R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978; Acts 1982, No. 778, §1, eff. Aug. 4, 1982; Acts 1985, No. 754, §1; Acts 1988, No. 907, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1989, No. 179, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1990; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004.

§1286.1. Authority to consolidate polling places; reduction of number of voting machines and election officials

A. Notwithstanding any provision of R.S. 18:1286(A), when an election called under the provisions of this Chapter is not held at the same time as the election of any public official, in cases where more than one polling place is within the same location the parish board of election supervisors may consolidate polling places in that location, for that election and may reduce the number of voting machines to be used in the election below the number fixed by R.S. 18:1363 and, in such case, shall notify, in accordance with the time line provided in R.S. 18:1363(H), the parish custodian of voting machines and the secretary of state of the number of machines to be prepared and delivered for the polling places so consolidated.

B. Whenever the parish board of election supervisors consolidates polling places as authorized by Subsection A of this Section, it shall appoint a commissioner-in-charge to serve at each such consolidated polling place and may reduce to not less than two the number of commissioners and alternate commissioners to be appointed to serve at each such polling place.

Added by Acts 1983, No. 519, §1, eff. July 8, 1983; Acts 2001, No. 451, §6, eff. Jan. 12, 2004; Acts 2017, No. 176, §1, eff. June 14, 2017.

§1287. Election officers; substitutes

The commissioner-in-charge and the commissioners shall be present at the polling place at least thirty minutes prior to the time the polls are to open. A commissioner-in-charge who fails to so appear shall be replaced in accordance with R.S. 18:433(H). If any commissioner fails to so appear, or if the number of commissioners present is less than the number necessary to conduct the election as previously established by the governing authority, the commissioner-in-charge shall appoint the necessary number of commissioners in accordance with R.S. 18:434(D)(2).

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1982, No. 778, §1, eff. Aug. 4, 1982.

§1288. Election officers; oaths

Commissioners-in-charge and commissioners shall take the oath or affirmation as provided by R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425. A commissioner may administer any oath and receive any affidavit provided for in this Chapter.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1289. Penalty for violations

A. In elections held under the provisions of this Chapter the commissioners shall have the same powers and duties in conducting the elections and in preserving order at the polls as are conferred and imposed upon

similar officers under the provisions of this Title for other elections. Whatever is declared in Chapter 10 of this Title to be a felony, misdemeanor or other crime shall be the same for any election held under the provisions of this Chapter and shall be punished in the same manner.

B. Any willful failure or neglect to comply with the requirements of this Chapter or any willful violation by any officer, agent, or employee of any political subdivision availing itself of the provisions of this Chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, with or without hard labor, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1290. Qualification of voters

A. All qualified electors of the political subdivision ordering the election shall be entitled to vote in an election on the issuance of bonds, levying or increase of a tax, or the assumption of indebtedness by the political subdivision, and such bonds may be issued, such tax levied or increased, or indebtedness assumed if approved by a vote of a majority in number of the qualified electors voting on the proposition at such election as is provided in this Chapter. No voter shall be required to sign a ballot or vote assessed valuation of property.

B. The registrar of voters shall furnish to the election commissioners appointed to hold the election the precinct register for each precinct or polling place. No defect or irregularity in or omission from the register so furnished shall affect the validity of the election unless it is established that the voters were thereby deprived of votes sufficient in number to have changed the result of the election.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1291. Voting

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, voting machines shall be used and the election laws of this state applicable to other elections held under this Title shall govern the conduct of the voting in elections held under this Chapter.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1292. Canvass of returns

A. On the date and at the hour and place specified in the notice of election, the governing authority ordering the election, in public session, shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the election.

B.(1) The result shall be promulgated by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or, if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish.

(2) The governing authority shall include in the publication, in accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a statement of the actual cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8-A of this Title.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2019, No. 205, §1.

§1293. Proces verbal

The governing authority ordering the election shall preserve a proces verbal of the canvass. If the election affects ad valorem taxation, the governing authority shall include a copy of the notice of election and proof of publication of the notice in the proces verbal. The governing authority shall forward a copy of the proces

verbal to the secretary of state, who shall record it. A copy also shall be forwarded to the clerk of the district court, and in Orleans Parish to the clerk of the civil district court, who shall record it in the mortgage records. A copy shall be retained in the archives of the office of the governing authority ordering the election.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2012, No. 283, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2013.

§1294. Contests

For sixty days after promulgation of the results of an election held under this Chapter to incur debt, issue bonds, levy or increase a tax or assume debt, any person in interest may contest the legality of the election, the bond issue provided for, the tax authorized, or the assumption of indebtedness for any cause. After that time no one shall have any cause or right of action to contest the regularity, formality, or legality of the election, tax provisions, or bond authorization, for any cause whatsoever. If the validity of any election, tax, debt assumption, or bond issue authorized or provided for is not raised within the sixty days, the authority to incur or assume debt, levy the tax, or issue the bonds, the legality thereof, and the taxes and other revenues necessary to pay the same shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, and no court shall have authority to inquire into such matters.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1295. Special election to increase interest rate

A. Any parish, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state in which a special election has been held, at which election the issuance of bonds of said political subdivision has been approved and a maximum rate of interest to be borne by said bonds has been established may, through the respective governing authority thereof, call and hold a special election to authorize the issuance and sale of such bonds at a maximum rate of interest greater than that rate specified in the proposition or propositions previously approved. However, such greater maximum rate of interest so submitted for approval shall not exceed the maximum rate of interest than permitted by the applicable laws of the state for the type of bonds described in the aforesaid proposition or propositions.

B. Any election called and held hereunder shall be held and conducted under the same legal authority under which the previous election was held and conducted unless such laws since have been amended, in which event said election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the laws of the state then in effect with respect to the holding and conducting of special elections to authorize the issuance of such bonds. An election held and conducted hereunder shall have no effect other than to permit the issuance and sale of said bonds at a maximum rate of interest greater than that approved at the previously held election.

C. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Chapter, the authority to issue any bonds approved in prior bond elections shall remain in full force and effect.

Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.

§1296. *Repealed by Acts 1984, No. 672, §3.*

CHAPTER 6-B. ELECTIONS AT WHICH A PROPOSITION OR QUESTION IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

§1299. Applicability

The provisions of this Chapter provide the procedures to be used in elections, except those provided for in Chapter 6-A of this Code, at which a proposition or question, authorized by the state constitution, by a statute of this state, or by a home rule charter, shall be submitted to the voters.

Added by Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978. Acts 1984, No. 672, §1.

§1299.1. Question or proposition to be voted on; length

A. The preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority or other entity calling the election or submitting the question or proposition. The proposition shall be comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question. The proposition shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type.

B. The secretary of state shall be responsible for ensuring that the proposition complies with the requirements of this Section.

Added by Acts 1983, No. 519, §1, eff. July 8, 1983; Acts 1993, No. 426, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; Acts 2008, No. 136, §1, eff. June 6, 2008; Acts 2012, No. 138, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2014, No. 60, §1, eff. May 16, 2014.

§1300. Procedures; notice of election; expenses

A.(1) When an election at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters is held at the same time as an election for any public official, the election shall be held in compliance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of this Title.

(2) The commissioners selected to serve at the election for the public officials also shall serve as the commissioners for the election at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters, and the compensation for each shall be only that amount provided for in R.S. 18:424 and R.S. 18:425 for the day of service as a commissioner or commissioner-in-charge.

B. When an election at which a proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters is not held at the same time as the election of any public official, the election shall be held solely in compliance with and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Chapter 6-A of this Title.

C.(1) When an election is called under the provisions of this Chapter, written notice of the election shall be transmitted to the secretary of state, the commissioner of elections, and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice shall be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be held on a primary election date, then such notice shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election.

(2) The secretary of state shall not accept any revisions to propositions or questions, including but not limited to changes in title, text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of the notice to the secretary of state, unless prior to the printing of the ballots the revision will correct a typographical error and the revision has been approved by the governing authority that called the proposition election. The

secretary of state shall not include any proposition or question on any ballot of any election if such notice is not timely received by the secretary of state.

(3) Any elector who is eligible to vote in the election may apply for injunctive relief to prohibit the placing of a proposition on the ballot if notice is not timely received by the secretary of state. Venue for such application shall be in any parish in which the election is called, and the secretary of state shall be a proper party defendant.

D. Repealed by Acts 1983, No. 681, §2, eff. July 21, 1983.

Added by Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978. Amended by Acts 1980, No. 792, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 1981, No. 76, §1, eff. June 26, 1981; H.C.R. No. 8, 1981 1st Ex. Session; Acts 1982, No. 778, §1, eff. Aug. 4, 1982; Acts 1983, No. 681, §2, eff. July 21, 1983; Acts 1987, No. 831, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1988; Acts 1988, No. 909, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1989, No. 179, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1990; Acts 1992, No. 949, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1993; Acts 1993, No. 418, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 1995, No. 1114, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 1999, No. 254, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2000; Acts 2001, No. 451, §6, eff. Jan. 12, 2004; Acts 2001, No. 1181, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2002; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 139, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2013; Acts 2016, No. 281, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2017; Acts 2021, No. 381, §1, eff. June 17, 2021.

CHAPTER 6-C. RECALL ELECTIONS

§1300.1. Recall authorized

Any public officer, excepting judges of the courts of record, may be recalled in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. However, no recall petition may be submitted for certification to or accepted for certification by the registrar of voters or any other official if less than six months remain in the term of office. The secretary of state shall not accept a recall petition for filing if less than six months remain in the term of office. The secretary of state shall endorse the date and time of receipt of such a recall petition, mark "invalid" on the petition, and return the petition forthwith, either personally or by registered or certified mail, to the chairman designated in the recall petition.

Acts 1992, No. 949, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1993; Acts 2019, No. 374, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2020.

§1300.2. Petition for recall election; campaign finance disclosure

A.(1) Whenever the recall of any public officer is sought, a petition shall be directed to the governor. The petition shall be limited to the request that an election be called and held in the voting area for the purpose of recalling the officer. No recall petition shall seek an election for the recall of more than one public officer, individually, in the same recall petition.

(2) The secretary of state shall provide a form approved by the attorney general to be used for the petition for a recall election. Such form shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter and R.S. 18:3. All recall petitions shall be on an approved form or on a form which contains the same information as required by the approved form and any petition not on such a form shall be invalid.

B.(1) All signatures on recall petitions shall be handwritten.

(2) The petition shall be signed by a percentage of the total number of electors of the voting area wherein and for which a recall election is petitioned as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

(3)(a) If fewer than one thousand qualified electors reside within the voting area, the petition shall be signed by at least forty percent of the electors.

(b) If one thousand or more but fewer than twenty-five thousand qualified electors reside within the voting area, the petition shall be signed by at least thirty-three and one-third percent of the electors.

2024 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	March 23 [^]	April 27 [^]	November 5	December 7
Type of Election	Presidential Preference Primary & Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Presidential & Congressional Open Primary	Congressional General
Deadline: Specials	11/15/2023	n/a	6/19/2024	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	11/15/2023	3/4/2024	6/19/2024	10/14/2024
Qualifying Dates	12/13/2023 - 12/15/2023*	n/a	7/17/2024 - 7/19/2024	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	2/21/2024	3/27/2024	10/7/2024	11/6/2024
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/2/2024	4/6/2024	10/15/2024	11/16/2024
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	3/19/2024	4/23/2024	11/1/2024	12/3/2024
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	3/22/2024	4/26/2024	11/4/2024	12/6/2024
Early Voting Begins	3/9/2024	4/13/2024	10/18/2024**	11/22/2024***
Early Voting Ends	3/16/2024	4/20/2024	10/29/2024	11/30/2024

[^] Election dates advanced one week in accordance with R.S. 18:402(G)

* Qualifying dates advanced one week in accordance with R.S. 18:467.1

** Early voting extended due to Act 365 of the 2021 regular session.

*** Early voting advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Thanksgiving and Acadian Day.

PRESIDENTIAL QUALIFYING

3/23/2024 Presidential Preference Primary: Democratic/Republican presidential nominees - Qualifying period begins 12/13/2023, ends 12/15/2023.

11/5/2024 Presidential Election:

- **Recognized political party candidates** are certified to SOS by state central committee prior to 4:30 p.m. on 8/20/2024. 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 8/23/2024.
- **Other presidential candidates** - Qualifying period begins 7/16/2024, ends 4:30 p.m. 8/23/2024.

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2025 ELECTIONS

Date of Election	March 29	May 3	October 11	November 15
Type of Election	Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Open Primary/Orleans Municipal Parochial Primary	Open General/Orleans Municipal Parochial General
Deadline: Specials	1/2/2025*	n/a	6/11/2025	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	1/2/2025*	3/10/2025	6/11/2025	9/22/2025
Qualifying Dates	1/29/2025 – 1/31/2025	n/a	7/9/2025 – 7/11/2025	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	2/26/2025	4/2/2025	9/10/2025	10/15/2025
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/8/2025	4/12/2025	9/20/2025	10/25/2025
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	3/25/2025	4/29/2025	10/7/2025	11/12/2025**
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	3/28/2025	5/2/2025	10/10/2025	11/14/2025
Early Voting Begins	3/15/2025	4/19/2025	9/27/2025	11/1/2025
Early Voting Ends	3/22/2025	4/26/2025	10/4/2025	11/8/2025

IMPORTANT NOTES

* Deadline advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for New Year’s Day.

** Deadline advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Veterans Day.

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2026 ELECTIONS

Date of Election	March 28	May 2	November 3	December 5
Type of Election	Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Open Primary/Congressional	Open General/Congressional
Deadline: Specials	12/31/2025	n/a	6/17/2026	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	12/31/2025	3/9/2026	6/17/2026	10/12/2026
Qualifying Dates	1/28/2026 – 1/30/2026	n/a	7/15/2026 – 7/17/2026	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	2/25/2026	4/1/2026	10/5/2026	11/4/2026
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/7/2026	4/11/2026	10/13/2026	11/14/2026
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	3/24/2026	4/28/2026	10/30/2026	12/1/2026
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	3/27/2026	5/1/2026	11/2/2026	12/4/2026
Early Voting Begins	3/14/2026	4/18/2026	10/20/2026	❖ 11/20/2026
Early Voting Ends	3/21/2026	4/25/2026	10/27/2026	11/28/2026

IMPORTANT NOTES

❖ **Early voting advanced** one day due to the state observed holiday for Thanksgiving and Acadian Day. (Act 83, 2016 R.S.)

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE

2027 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	March 20[^]	April 24[^]	October 9[^]	November 13[^]
Type of Election	Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Gubernatorial Primary	Gubernatorial General
Deadline: Specials	12/23/2026	n/a	6/29/2027	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	12/23/2026	3/1/2027	6/29/2027	9/20/2027
Qualifying Dates	1/20/2027 – 1/22/2027*	n/a	7/27/2027 – 7/29/2027*	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	2/17/2027	3/24/2027	9/8/2027	10/13/2027
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	2/27/2027	4/3/2027	9/18/2027	10/23/2027
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	3/16/2027	4/20/2027	10/5/2027	11/9/2027
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	3/19/2027	4/23/2027	10/8/2027	11/12/2027
Early Voting Begins	3/6/2027	4/10/2027	9/25/2027	10/30/2027
Early Voting Ends	3/13/2027	4/17/2027	10/2/2027	11/6/2027

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* Qualifying dates advanced one week in accordance with R.S. 18:467.1

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✓ Hon. Secretary of State
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Hon. Clerk of Court
Acadia Parish
Crowley, Louisiana

Hon. Registrar of Voters
Acadia Parish
Crowley, Louisiana

Re: Millage Continuation Election (Tuesday, November 3, 2020) for
Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia,
Louisiana

We are enclosing on behalf of the governing authority of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), a certified copy of a resolution adopted on April 13, 2020, submitting to all qualified electors of the District the proposition described in the said resolution. The election is to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, and all qualified electors will be entitled to vote.

We would appreciate the Secretary of State furnishing our office several copies of the sample ballot in compliance with the enclosed resolution prior to the election. We also enclose to the Secretary of State a complete copy of the *procès verbal* showing the original language for the tax being renewed.

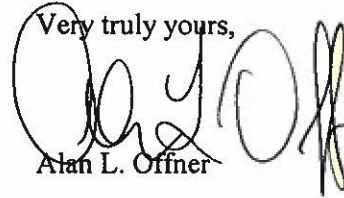
If the Registrar of Voters has not been previously contacted regarding this election, this is to advise that it will be necessary for you to furnish the precinct registers for use on election day.

The Acadia Parish Clerk of Court should note that the enclosed is being furnished to them in accordance with R.S. 18:1285(B)(1)(a); however, the resolution is not to be recorded.

The officials of the District would also appreciate each of the foregoing addressees taking such action as is required by their respective offices in order that the election may be held as ordered in the enclosed resolution.

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Our firm is assisting the District with the holding of this election. Therefore, in the event that you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Alan L. Offner

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enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Ruppert, President
Ms. Susan Arnaud, Secretary-Treasurer
Acadia Bayou Mallet GDD
1199 East Ardoin Street
Eunice, Louisiana 70535

SAMPLE

The following resolution was offered by Wayne Manuel and seconded by Joe Sittig Jr.:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and the Acadia Parish Police Jury, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 32 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a special tax of five and four hundredths (5.04) mills tax (the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for one entire year being \$370,500) on all the property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and/or operating gravity works within and for the District?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Crowley Post-Signal*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Crowley, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Riche Fire Station, Eunice, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020, at FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Richard Ruppert	<u>✓(1)</u>	_____	_____	_____
Wayne Manuel	<u>✓(1)</u>	_____	_____	_____
JD Sittig, Jr.	<u>✓(1)</u>	_____	_____	_____
Allen Murphy	_____	_____	<u>DECEASED</u>	_____
Laurent Bellard	<u>✓(1)</u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of April, 2020.

Susan Arnaud
/s/ Susan Arnaud
Secretary-Treasurer

Richard Ruppert
/s/ Richard Ruppert
President

SAMPLE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), on April 13, 2020, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special election will be held within the District on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a special tax of five and four hundredths (5.04) mills tax (the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for one entire year being \$370,500) on all the property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2020 and ending with the year 2029, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and/or operating gravity works within and for the District?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

03-02(PART)

03-05(PART)

04-06(PART)

07-03

07-04(PART)

The polling places at the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$1,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Riche Fire Station, Eunice, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020, at FIVE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (5:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Eunice, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard Ruppert
President

/s/ Susan Arnaud
Secretary-Treasurer

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ACADIA

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on April 13, 2020, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Eunice, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of April, 2020.


Secretary-Treasurer

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN BAYOU MALLET GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF ACADIA, LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Monday, November 9, 2009, at five-thirty o'clock (5:30) p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Riche Fire Station, Eunice, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, October 17, 2009, with the following members present:

Richard Ruppert, President, and Commissioners Bobby Dupre, Alan Murphy, Laurent Bellard and Wayne Manuel;

There being absent: None;

did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

Proposition (Tax Renewal)

Summary: 10 year 5.04 mills property tax renewal for acquiring, constructing, maintaining and/or operating gravity drainage works within and for Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana.

Shall Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy a special tax of five and four hundredths (5.04) mills tax (the estimated amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy of the tax for one entire year being \$101,000) on all the property subject to taxation within the District, for a period of ten (10) years beginning with the year 2010 and ending with the year 2019, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and/or operating gravity drainage works within and for the District?

There was found by said count and canvass that the following votes had been cast at the said special election **IN FAVOR OF** and **AGAINST**, respectively, the proposition as hereinabove set forth at the following polling place, to-wit:

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
3-2	(part) Richard Elementary School, 1616 Charlene Hwy., Church Point	0	2

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Eunice, Louisiana, on this, the 9th day of November, 2009.

ATTEST:

/s/ Richard Ruppert

President

/s/ Susan Arnaud

Secretary

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned President of the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana, the governing authority of the Bayou Mallet Gravity Drainage District of the Parish of Acadia, Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the Proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, October 17, 2009, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Eunice, Louisiana, on this, the 9th day of November, 2009.

/s/ Richard Ruppert

President

POLLING PLACES		VOTE TABULATION	
Precinct	Location	FOR	AGAINST
3-5	(part) Richard Elementary School, 1616 Charlene Hwy., Church Point	0	0
7-3	LSU Eunice-Health & Physical Education Bldg., 2048 Johnson Hwy., Eunice	14	2
7-4	LSU Eunice-Health & Physical Education Bldg., 2048 Johnson Hwy., Eunice	27	1
ABSENTEE:		4	0
TOTALS		45	5
MAJORITY FOR		40	

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 45 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 5 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 40 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

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