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## **Secretary of State's Office OPEN in Baton Rouge**

BATON ROUGE, La. - Secretary of State Tom Schedler announced late this morning that essential portions of his office will open at 11:00 a.m. to serve business owners and elections officials. Schedler says a limited number of staff members have volunteered to come to work, despite state office closures, to man his Commercial and Elections Divisions.

Walk-in service for business filings will be available in the Commercial Division until 4:30 and the Elections Division is actively preparing for the Saturday Municipal Elections in Orleans Parish.

“With the weather quickly improving I felt that if businesses across the area could open, then we could open to serve them,” said Schedler. “Additionally, our elections staff have been working diligently to make sure all is ready for the big election in New Orleans on Saturday. We couldn’t let the weather get in the way of doing business any longer.”

State offices in East Baton Rouge and many other parishes statewide have been closed since Tuesday due to icy conditions. For additional information or interview requests, call 225-362-5086.

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