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## **QUALIFYING BEGINS JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> FOR SPRING ELECTIONS**

Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler reminds everyone that qualifying begins for the Spring Municipal Elections on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> until 4:30 p.m. daily. ALL CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL MUNICIPAL RACES WILL QUALIFY WITH THEIR LOCAL CLERK OF COURT or the parish they are registered to vote in for multi-parish races. Once qualified, candidates will appear on the Secretary of State's website under "Elections & Voting," "Get Election Information," "Search for Candidates" or by visiting:

<http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetElectionInformation/SearchForCandidates/Pages/default.aspx>.

The following 35 parishes will be participating in qualifying: Allen, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Desoto, East Baton Rouge, Franklin, Grant, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Richland, St. James, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Vermilion, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn.

Spring Municipal Primary Elections will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 and Spring Municipal General Elections will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Additionally, a Special Election to fill the vacant House of Representatives District 86 seat will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 in select parishes. For more information on qualifying, visit the Secretary of State's website at

<http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/BecomeACandidate/QualifyForAnElection/Pages/default.aspx>.

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