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QUALIFYING FOR SPRING ELECTIONS DELAYED IN SEVERAL PARISHES

Due to the closure of courthouses as a result of winter weather conditions, Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler announces that qualifying for the Spring Municipal Elections, which began today, **HAS BEEN SUSPENDED** for select Louisiana parishes and will be extended an additional day.

The following 7 parishes HAVE SUSPENDED QUALIFYING on Wednesday, February 12th: Bienville, DeSoto, LaSalle, Ouachita, Richland, Union and West Carroll.

Qualifying will be extended in these parishes on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to make up for the suspension. (NOTE: MONDAY IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY –Presidents’ Day-AND CLERKS OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED, SO NO QUALIFYING)

All other qualifying will be held as normal beginning today, Wednesday, February 12 and ending Friday, February 14th in unaffected areas of the state. ALL CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL MUNICIPAL RACES QUALIFY WITH THEIR LOCAL CLERK OF COURT. Once qualified, candidates will appear on the Secretary of State’s website under “Elections & Voting”, “Get Election Information”, “Search for Candidates,” or by clicking on the link below. Spring Municipal Primary Elections will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 and Spring Municipal General Elections will be held on Saturday May 3, 2014. For more information on qualifying, visit the Secretary of State’s website at:

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

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