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EARLY VOTING SUSPENDED IN ANTICIPATION OF SEVERE WEATHER

BATON ROUGE, La. – In response to the state’s announcement through the Commissioner of Administration that state government offices in certain parishes will close at noon due to impending severe weather, Louisiana Secretary of State Tom Schedler announced that early voting will be also be suspended in those parishes. Secretary Schedler encourages voters to check with their Registrar of Voters Office before heading out to vote in case their local office is affected.

"I am immediately sending a certification to the Governor so that he can issue a proclamation concerning today’s temporary suspension of early voting," said Secretary of State Tom Schedler. “We want our citizens to play it safe this afternoon and stay at home in anticipation of severe weather.”

It is expected that the list of parishes impacted could increase over the course of the day. Currently, early voting will be suspended in the following parishes:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and West Baton Rouge.

Early voting will re-open Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. across the state.

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