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SECRETARY OF STATE ARDOIN PRAISES ELECTION DECISION

BATON ROUGE, La.—Louisiana Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin expressed his gratitude today to Senate President John Alario and Sen. Jonathan Perry for their cooperation in calling a special election to fill the seat vacated by Perry in Senate District 26. Thanks to the support of both men, the dates announced occur during regularly scheduled elections saving tax dollars to be used for other priorities.

“Fiscally responsible decisions concerning elections are the right thing to do, and I certainly appreciate President Alario and Sen. Perry’s willingness to work with me to save taxpayer dollars,” said Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin. “I am committed to reducing the number of special elections in our state not just because of the cost, but also because of voter fatigue. We have too many elections in this state, and the people demonstrate their frustration by not always participating. If we want more voters at the polls, we need to make voting a big deal. Holding this special election on a scheduled date just makes sense,” Ardoin emphasized.

President Alario announced the special election primary will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6 during the Congressional Primary Election cycle and the runoff (if necessary) on Saturday, Dec. 8 during the Congressional General Election cycle. Qualifying for the Special Senate District 26 election will be Aug. 8-10. Eligible candidates can qualify with the clerk of court in the parish in which they are registered to vote. District 26 includes Acadia, Lafayette, St. Landry and Vermilion parishes.

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