



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION NO. 15 BJ 2015

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#### *AMEND PROCLAMATION NO. 3 BJ 2015*

#### *SPECIAL ELECTION – BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – DISTRICT 4*

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- WHEREAS,** Proclamation No. 3 BJ 2015, issued on January 5, 2015, provided for a special election throughout the jurisdiction of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, District 4, for the purpose of electing a member to fill the vacancy in office;
- WHEREAS,** on December 12, 2014, the Secretary of State provided notice of a vacancy in the office of Member, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, District 4, and advised that a special election needed to be called no later than January 5, 2015, with qualifying set for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 through Friday, February 6, 2015 and the special election set on the March 28, 2015 primary date and May 2, 2015 general election date of the spring municipal and ward elections;
- WHEREAS,** La. R.S. 17:1-2 requires the president of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to notify the governor by certified mail of a vacancy and provides that the date of the special election to fill the vacancy of an elected member shall be set at the next scheduled district-wide election within more than ninety days and less than one year of the effective date of the vacancy;
- WHEREAS,** on December 15, 2014, the notice of this vacancy by certified mail was received from the president of BESE and on January 5, 2015, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:591, a proclamation was issued calling for a special election to fill the vacancy on the dates then advised by the Secretary of State;
- WHEREAS,** La. R.S. 18:402(E)(1), establishes Wednesday, January 7, 2015 as the deadline for special elections to be set for the March 28, 2015 primary date and May 2, 2015 general election date;
- WHEREAS,** on January 30, 2015, the Secretary of State advised by letter that no other elections were set by the January 7, 2015 deadline that, individually or collectively, encompassed Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, District 4, and therefore no “district-wide election” was scheduled to be held on the March 28, 2015 primary and May 2, 2015 general election dates and that, out of the five hundred sixty-three (563) precincts that make up BESE District 4, three hundred fifty-seven (357) precincts would have no other election or proposition on the ballot other than the District 4 special election, including three entire parishes (Red River, Vernon, and Winn) that would only have the BESE District 4 special election on the ballot;
- WHEREAS,** in his January 30, 2015 letter, the Secretary of State further advised that setting this special election for the next scheduled district-wide election to be held on the gubernatorial primary election date of October 24, 2015, and the gubernatorial general election date of November 21, 2015 will save the state an estimated \$428,000, an amount which was not included in the Secretary of State’s budget and appropriated for the 2014-2015 fiscal year;
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to amend Executive Proclamation No. 3 BJ 2015 to set the election for the next district-wide election date.

**NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Section 2 of Proclamation No. 3 BJ 2015, issued on January 5, 2015, is amended as follows:

Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461, et seq., and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, et seq., during the period commencing Tuesday, September 8, 2015, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2015.

**SECTION 2:** Section 4 of Proclamation No. 3 BJ 2015, issued on January 5, 2015, is amended as follows:

The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 24, 2015, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 21, 2015, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.

**SECTION 3:** All other sections, subsections, and paragraphs of Proclamation No. 3 BJ 2015, issued on January 5, 2015, shall remain in full force and effect.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2015.

/s/ Bobby Jindal  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

/s/ Tom Schedler  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**