



EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana currently has a Party Primary and Municipal Primary Election scheduled to be held on May 16, 2026 for various offices, including the offices of U.S. Representative, Congressional Districts 1 through 6;

WHEREAS, the early voting period for the May 16, 2026 Party Primary and Municipal Primary Election is scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. and end on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (excluding Sunday, May 3, 2026);

WHEREAS, the Second Party Primary and Municipal General Election is scheduled to be held on June 27, 2026;

WHEREAS, the early voting period for the June 27, 2026 Second Party Primary and Municipal General Election is scheduled to begin on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. and end on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (excluding Sunday, June 14, 2026 and Friday, June 19, 2026);

WHEREAS, the Congressional General and Open Primary Election is scheduled to be held on November 3, 2026;

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2026, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case, *Louisiana v. Callais, et al.*, No. 24-109;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court ruled that the map adopted by SB 8 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature is unconstitutional and its use for the offices of U.S. Representative, Congressional Districts 1 through 6 in the 2026 Party Primary Election cycle would violate the law;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:401.1(A) provides that "Due to the possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election, and in

order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary to designate a procedure for the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, early voting, and elections.”; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:401.1(B) allows the Secretary of State to certify to the Governor that a state of emergency exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, Nancy Landry, in her capacity as Secretary of State, does hereby certify that a state of emergency exists as it relates to the map for the election of officials for the offices of U.S. Representative, Congressional Districts 1 through 6, which has been held to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States so that the Governor may take such action as is necessary pursuant to La. R.S. 18:401.1 with respect to the election for the offices of U.S. Representative, Congressional Districts 1 through 6.

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of my office
to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge on,
this, the 30th day of April, 2026.*

Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

