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Louisiana Secretary of State



**EXCERPTS FROM THE  
LOUISIANA ELECTION CODE**

**TITLE 18 OF THE LOUISIANA  
REVISED STATUTES**

As Amended through the 2021 Regular Session. (R.S. 18:1251 - R.S. 18:1265)

brought shall place the matter on its preferential docket, shall hear it without delay, and shall render a decision within ten days after oral argument. The granting of an order of suspensive appeal or writ of certiorari suspends the effect of the judgment during the pendency of such proceedings.

*Acts 1988, No. 550, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 1988.*

#### **§675. Subpart not exclusive**

The provisions of this Subpart shall not be construed as the exclusive procedure for declaration of vacancy in public office and shall not be construed to repeal any other provision of law for the removal of public officers or declaration of vacancy in public office.

*Acts 1988, No. 550, §1, eff. Aug. 1, 1988.*

## **CHAPTER 6. NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

### **PART I. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS**

#### **§1251. Election; time of electing**

A. In every fourth year after an election of a president and vice president of the United States, the electors of president and vice president of the United States, hereinafter referred to as "presidential electors," shall be chosen by election by the qualified electors of the state. The election shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November and shall be conducted and the returns made in accordance with the provisions of this Title, except insofar as such provisions may conflict with the provisions of this Part.

B. One presidential elector shall be chosen from among the qualified electors of each congressional district and two presidential electors shall be chosen from among the qualified electors of the state at large.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

#### **§1252. Qualifications**

A. No person shall be elected as a presidential elector who is not a qualified elector of the district for which he is chosen, unless he is elected at large, in which case he shall be a qualified elector of the state. A candidate for presidential elector may be registered to vote with or without a declaration of party affiliation.

B. No United States senator, representative in Congress, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States shall be elected a presidential elector.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

#### **§1253. Nominating by political parties; certificates of nomination**

A. Nominations for candidates for presidential electors made by each recognized political party shall be made in such manner as shall be determined by a resolution adopted by the state central committee of the respective recognized political party. Each recognized political party shall nominate a full slate of candidates for elector, one from each congressional district and two from the state at large.

B. The names of candidates for presidential elector nominated by each recognized political party shall be filed with the secretary of state by a sworn statement, which shall be known as a certificate of nomination. The certificate of nomination shall be sworn to, signed, and filed by the chairman and secretary of the state central committee, except when the state central committee orders the nomination of presidential electors

by a convention, in which case the chairman and secretary of the convention shall swear to, sign, and file the certificate of nomination.

C. Each certificate of nomination shall contain: (1) the name and place of residence, including the street and number thereof, if any, of each candidate for presidential elector; (2) the particular office of presidential elector for which each is nominated, that is, the district for which each has been chosen or the designation "At large" in the case of the two at large candidates; (3) the name of the recognized political party making the nomination; (4) the names of the candidates for president and vice president supported by the party. In addition, a certificate of nomination filed by the chairman and secretary of a state central committee shall certify the adoption by the state central committee of the resolution of the committee which authorized the method of nomination, the method of nomination used, and the time and place where the nomination took place. Similarly, a certificate of a nominating convention also shall certify the adoption by the state central committee of the resolution which authorized the convention, the time and place where the convention was held, and the election of the chairman and secretary. Each certificate of nomination filed with the secretary of state shall be accompanied by the notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector signifying that the certificate constitutes his acceptance of the nomination.

D. The certificate of nomination shall constitute full proof of the nominations it recites and shall entitle the candidates for electors to each receive the number of votes received in the election by the party's candidate for president.

E. If the nominees for the offices of president and vice president nominated by a national convention of a recognized political party, together with a slate of candidates for the offices of presidential electors to support such nominees, are not properly certified to the secretary of state by the state central committee of that party prior to 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in August of each year in which a presidential election is to be held, the national chairman of the political party, after notifying the chairman of the state central committee of that political party, shall certify a slate of electors to support such nominees by 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August. Such certificate filed with the secretary of state shall be accompanied by the notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector signifying that the certificate constitutes his acceptance of the nomination.

F. If the certificate of nomination and notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector are not filed timely with the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall endorse the date and time of receipt upon all documents and shall return them forthwith, either personally or by registered or certified mail, to the national chairman of the political party.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1982, No. 778, §1, eff. Aug. 4, 1982; Acts 1993, No. 418, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 2007, No. 240, §1; Acts 2009, No. 369, §1; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013.*

**§1253.1.** *Repealed by Acts 2020, No. 251, §2, eff. July 1, 2021.*

**§1254. Slates of candidates not affiliated with a recognized political party; nominating petitions and qualifying by payment of qualifying fees**

A. A slate of candidates for presidential elector who are not affiliated with a recognized political party may be nominated by nominating petition or may qualify by the payment of a qualifying fee of five hundred dollars. Such qualifying fee shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:464(A). The period for filing such qualifying fee shall begin on the third Tuesday in July and shall end at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August of each year in which a presidential election is to be held. Each qualifying fee shall be accompanied by the notice of candidacy and notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector signifying his acceptance of the nomination. A candidate for presidential elector who is not affiliated with a recognized political party may be registered to vote with or without a declaration of party affiliation.

B. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Part, a nominating petition for a slate of candidates for the offices of presidential elector shall be signed, filed, and certified as provided in Chapter 5 of this Title for state candidates voted on throughout the State.

C. Nominating petitions for the office of presidential elector shall be in the form prescribed by R.S. 18:465(D), except that in lieu of including the recognized political party with which the candidates are affiliated, the petition shall contain, in not more than three words, the political principle which the candidates represent. Also, in lieu of the date of the primary election for which the candidates seek to qualify, the petition shall include the date of the general election. The petition also shall include the names of the candidate for president and the candidate for vice president whom the candidates for elector support; however, neither the candidate for president nor the candidate for vice president supported by the slate of candidates for electors shall be a candidate for that office supported by a recognized political party or by a slate of candidates for elector who have previously filed a nominating petition or qualified by the payment of a qualifying fee for that election. Each petition shall contain a full slate of candidates for elector, one from each congressional district and two from the state at large. In designating the office for which the candidate is nominated, the petition shall designate the particular office of presidential elector, that is, the district in which the candidate is a qualified elector if he is nominated for the office for that district, or the designation "At large" in the case of the two offices to be filled at large. Each nominating petition shall be accompanied by the notice of candidacy and notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector signifying that the certificate constitutes his acceptance of the nomination.

D. Any slate of candidates for presidential elector that qualifies by payment of a qualifying fee shall be a full slate of candidates for elector, one from each congressional district and two from the state at large, and shall submit with the qualifying fee the following information for each candidate:

- (1) The candidate's name;
- (2) The address of his domicile;
- (3) The office sought;
- (4) The names of the candidate for president and the candidate for vice president whom the candidates for elector support; however, neither the candidate for president nor the candidate for vice president supported by the slate of candidates for elector shall be a candidate for that office supported by a recognized political party or by a slate of candidates for elector who have previously filed a nominating petition or qualified by the payment of a qualifying fee for that election;
- (5) The recognized political party, if any, with which each candidate for presidential elector is affiliated;
- (6) In not more than three words, the political principle that he represents; and
- (7) The date of the election for which he seeks to qualify.

E. If the notice of candidacy and notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector, together with the qualifying fee or a nominating petition, are not filed timely with the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall endorse the date and time of receipt upon all documents and shall return them forthwith, either personally or by registered or certified mail, to the candidate or the person who filed them.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1977 No. 523, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1983, No. 519, §1, eff. July 8, 1983; Acts 1985, No. 754, §1; Acts 1988, No. 909, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1989, No. 179, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1989; Acts 1993, No. 418, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1994; Acts 2009, No. 369, §1; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013; Acts 2019, No. 374, §1, eff. June 19, 2019.*

### **§1255. Filing nominating petitions**

A. All nominating petitions of presidential electors shall be filed with the secretary of state during the period beginning on the third Tuesday in July and ending at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday following the third

Tuesday in August of each year in which a presidential election is to be held. The secretary of state shall endorse on the nominating petitions the date and time of filing. Any nominating petitions submitted other than during such period shall be null and void and shall not be accepted by the secretary of state.

B. All nominating petitions filed with the secretary of state shall be open to public inspection, and the secretary of state shall preserve them in his office for at least one year.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1980, No. 792, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 1981, No. 76, §1, eff. June 26, 1981; Acts 2009, No. 369, §1; Acts 2013, No. 383, §1, eff. June 18, 2013.*

**§1256. Withdrawal of candidate**

A.(1) Any person nominated as a candidate may withdraw his candidacy by written statement of withdrawal made, signed, and acknowledged before an officer qualified to administer oaths. The original of the statement shall be filed prior to 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day after the close of the qualifying period with the secretary of state, who shall note thereon the date it was filed.

(2) The secretary of state shall not accept a statement of withdrawal that does not satisfy the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The secretary of state shall endorse the date and time of receipt of such a notice of withdrawal and return the notice forthwith, either personally or by registered or certified mail.

B. A statement of withdrawal filed in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall become effective on the date of the filing. The effect of the withdrawal shall be as provided in R.S. 18:502.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 2015, No. 410, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2016.*

**§1257. Objections to certificates of nomination, nominating petitions, and notices of candidacy for those qualifying by payment of fee**

Certificates of nomination for presidential electors, nominating petitions filed in apparent conformity with the provisions of this Part, and notice of candidacy filed by slates of candidates who qualify by the payment of a qualifying fee, are deemed to be regular, unless an action objecting to their regularity is commenced as otherwise provided in this Title for contests of candidacy.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1990, No. 107, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991.*

**§1258. Vacancy in nomination; procedure; death of candidate**

A vacancy by reason of death or withdrawal among the slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector nominated by a recognized political party, whether by a convention or otherwise, shall be filled in the manner which shall be provided by the state central committee of the party. In all other cases, if the candidate who withdrew or died is elected, the remaining presidential electors who are elected shall vote to fill the vacancy as provided in R.S. 18:1264.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1259. Arrangement of ballot; designation of party candidates**

A. In any year in which presidential electors are to be elected, the secretary of state shall arrange the voting machine ballot in such manner that the names of candidates for president and vice president shall appear on the ballot in the first column, beginning at the top and proceeding downward. If necessary, the listing of the names of candidates for president and vice president may continue in the second and succeeding columns. The names of the presidential electors shall appear on the ballot in the manner as provided for in Subsection B of this Section.

B.(1) The ballot shall be so arranged that the names of the candidate for president and the candidate for vice president nominated by each recognized political party, by nominating petition, or by filing of notices of candidacy accompanied by a qualifying fee shall appear prominently together with the name of the presidential candidate on top and the name of the vice presidential candidate directly underneath.

(2) Directly to the left of the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates shall appear:

(a) If nominated by a recognized political party, the name of the party and such national party emblem, if any, or state party device, if any, as the state central committee of the party shall direct, and

(b) If nominated by a nominating petition or by the filing of notices of candidacy, the political principal which the candidates support, as stated on the nominating petition or on the notices of candidacy, if any, and the words "Nominating Petition" or the abbreviation "Nom. Petition" shall appear if nominated by petition.

(3) Immediately below the name of the party, or, if nominated by a nominating petition, the words "Nominating Petition" or the abbreviation "Nom. Petition" shall appear the word "Electors".

(4) Immediately below the word "Electors" the names of the presidential electors nominated in support of the nominees for president and vice president of that party or political principal shall appear.

(5) On a voting machine, there shall be a button or candidate selection button with which to mark the ballot opposite each pair of names. On paper ballots, there shall be a single box within which to mark the ballot opposite each pair of names.

(6) In preparing the ballots, the secretary of state shall arrange the names of the candidates of recognized political parties alphabetically, according to the names of the parties, followed by the names of the candidates nominated by nominating petitions and by the filing of notices of candidacy, listed alphabetically by designation of political principal.

C. No candidate nominated other than by a recognized political party shall use the name of any recognized political party in the political or party designation of such candidate.

D. The ballot shall contain the following statement: "A vote for candidates for president and vice president is a vote for each of the electors supporting those candidates."

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1978, No. 292, §1, eff. July 6, 1978; Acts 1990, No. 107, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991; Acts 2001, No. 1181, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2002; Acts 2003, No. 1220, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2004; Acts 2004, No. 526, §2, eff. June 25, 2004; Acts 2008, No. 136, §1, eff. June 6, 2008.*

### **§1260. Votes for presidential electors**

A vote for a presidential and a vice presidential candidate shall be a vote for each of the electors nominated in support of those candidates, whether by a recognized political party, by a nominating petition, or by the filing of notices of candidacy accompanied by a qualifying fee.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1990, No. 107, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1991.*

### **§1261. Determination of election results; tie vote; issuance of certificate**

A. The secretary of state shall ascertain from the returns the slate of candidates who received the greatest number of votes cast for presidential electors. If two or more of the slates of candidates having the highest number of votes receive the same number of votes, none of the slates of candidates is elected, and the slate of candidates elected shall be selected by a public drawing of lots conducted by the state board of election supervisors from among the slate of candidates who received such highest number of votes in the election. The public drawing of lots shall be conducted at the state capitol on a day and at a time fixed by the board

within one week after the results of the election for that office become official. The candidates involved shall be given at least three days' written notice of the time and place of the public drawing of lots.

B. The governor shall issue a certificate of election to the persons elected and authorize them to cast the vote of the state for president and vice president.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 588, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1262. Credentials of electors**

The governor shall transmit the credentials of presidential electors to the appropriate federal officials in the manner provided by the constitution and laws of the United States.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1263. Meeting of electors**

The electors shall meet in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge on the day appointed for their meeting by federal law and shall execute the duties and services enjoined upon them by the constitution and laws of the United States, in the manner therein prescribed. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be transmitted to each elector by the secretary of state no later than seven days preceding the day of the meeting.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1264. Vacancies; procedure**

If one or more of the presidential electors fails for any cause to attend at the appointed place at 12:00 noon of the day prescribed for their meeting, the other electors shall fill the vacancy by voice vote by no later than 4:00 p.m. Any person selected to fill such a vacancy in the office of presidential elector from a congressional district shall be a qualified elector of the district for which the vacancy occurred.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1265. Compensation**

Presidential electors shall be paid fifty dollars for attendance at the meeting of electors and shall be paid the same mileage allowance as is provided for state officers and employees on official state business. Such compensation and mileage allowance shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the office of the secretary of state for such purpose.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**PART II. UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

**§1271. Applicable laws**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Part, United States senators and representatives in Congress shall be elected as provided in this Title for the election of public officers.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1272. United States senators; representatives in congress; time of electing**

A. All general elections for representatives in congress shall be held on the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. The primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year.

B. One United States senator shall be elected in the year 1980, and every six years thereafter, at the same time and at the same polling places as representatives in Congress. In the same manner, one United States senator shall be elected in the year 1978, and every six years thereafter.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 523, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1982, No. 10, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1983; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2009, No. 369, §1; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; Acts 2012, No. 139, §1, eff. May 14, 2012.*

**§1273. Opening and closing of qualifications for candidates for United States senators and representatives in Congress**

When a member of the United States Senate or members of the United States House of Representatives are to be elected at the congressional election or at a special election, qualifications for candidates shall open and close as provided in Chapter 5 of this Title.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1274. Declaration of candidacy by congressional candidates**

Any person desiring to become a candidate in a primary election for United States senator or representative in Congress shall file notification of his candidacy and declaration of his qualifications as provided for state candidates in Chapter 5 of this Title.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1275. United States senator and representative in Congress; qualifications**

A. No person shall be a United States senator who has not attained the age of thirty years and who has not been a citizen of the United States for nine years and who is not, when elected, an inhabitant of this state.

B. No person shall be a representative in Congress who has not attained the age of twenty-five years and who has not been a citizen of the United States for seven years and who is not, when elected, an inhabitant of this state.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the qualifications for United States senators and members of the United States House of Representatives as provided in this Section shall be exclusive.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§§1275.1 - 1275.24.** *Repealed by Acts 2010, No. 570, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.*

**§1276.** *Repealed by Acts 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Ex. Sess., No. 2, §4, eff. noon on Jan. 3, 2013.*

**§1276.1. Congressional districts**

Louisiana shall be divided into six congressional districts, and the qualified electors of each district shall elect one representative to the United States House of Representatives. The districts shall be composed as follows:

(1) District 1 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136, 192, 198, 199, 246, 247, 248, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-K, 7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 34-K, 35-K and 1-L of Jefferson Parish;



Precincts 3-2, 3-3, 3-6, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 8-1, 9-1, 9-2, 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, 10-5, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 10-15, 10-16, 11-1 and 11-2 of Lafourche Parish; Precincts 3-20, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-11, 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17, 5-18, 7-41, 7-42, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-18A, 14-19, 14-21, 16-2, 16-3, 17-1, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19 and 17-20 of Orleans Parish; Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; St. Tammany Parish; Precincts 40, 40A, 41, 42, 42A, 43, 44, 45, 45A, 46, 47, 48, 49, 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73, 74, 119, 121B, 122, 122A, 123, 124, 127, 127A, 129, 129A, 133, 133A, 137, 137A, 137B, 137C, 137D, 139, 141, 141A, 143, 145, 149, 149A and 151 of Tangipahoa Parish and Precincts 15, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 78, 80, 83, 84, 85, 88, 89 and 90 of Terrebonne Parish.

(2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 30, 36, 37, 39, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 60 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 6-1, 6-2 and 7-1 of Assumption Parish; Precincts 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-10, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-45, 1-50, 1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-77, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-100, 1-101, 1-104, 2-1, 2-9, 2-11, 2-13, 2-16, 2-20, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24 and 2-30 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 13C, 14, 14A, 14B, 15, 15A, 16, 17, 17A, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Iberville Parish; Precincts 57, 104, 107, 108, 115, 116, 131, 133, 138, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157A, 157B, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179A, 179B, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 193, 194A, 194B, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 197C, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212A, 212B, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 13-KB, 15-K, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 29-K, 30-K, 31-K, 33-K, 1-W, 2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W and 7-W of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-6A, 2-7, 3-1, 3-3, 3-5, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 5-13, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9A, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-17, 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-23, 7-24, 7-25, 7-25A, 7-26, 7-27, 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A, 7-29, 7-30, 7-32, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35, 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 8-1, 8-2, 8-4, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-15, 8-19, 8-20, 8-21, 8-22, 8-23, 8-24, 8-25, 8-26, 8-27, 8-28, 8-30, 9-1, 9-3, 9-3A, 9-4, 9-5, 9-5A, 9-6B, 9-6C, 9-6D, 9-6E, 9-6F, 9-7, 9-8, 9-8A, 9-9, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12, 9-13, 9-14, 9-15, 9-16, 9-17, 9-19, 9-21, 9-23, 9-25, 9-26, 9-28, 9-28C, 9-28E, 9-29, 9-30, 9-30A, 9-31, 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-32, 9-33, 9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B, 9-37, 9-38, 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40, 9-40A, 9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-41C, 9-41D, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A, 9-43B, 9-43C, 9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I, 9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M, 9-43N, 9-44, 9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F, 9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L, 9-44M, 9-44N, 9-44O, 9-44P, 9-44Q, 9-45, 9-45A, 10-3, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, 11-12, 11-13, 11-14, 11-17, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6, 13-7, 13-8, 13-9, 13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 14-1, 14-17, 14-20, 14-23, 14-24A, 14-25, 14-26, 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12A, 15-13, 15-13A, 15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A, 15-14B, 15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E, 15-14F, 15-14G, 15-15, 15-15A, 15-15B, 15-16, 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B, 15-18, 15-18A, 15-18B, 15-18C, 15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F, 15-19, 15-19A, 15-19B, 15-19C, 16-1, 16-1A, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6, 16-7, 16-8, 16-9, 17-2, 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-9, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 17-13A, 17-14, 17-15 and 17-16 of Orleans Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 3-5, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 5-1, 5-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 7-4 of St. Charles Parish; St. James Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-9, 5-1, 5-2, 5-5, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 and 7-7 of St. John the Baptist Parish and Precincts 1-1, 3-1A, 3-2, 4-2, 4-3A, 4-4, 4-5 and 5-1 of West Baton Rouge Parish.

(3) District 3 is composed of Acadia Parish; Calcasieu Parish; Cameron Parish; Iberia Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish; Lafayette Parish; Precincts 2-2, 2-6, 2-8 and 3-3 of St. Landry Parish; St. Martin Parish; St. Mary Parish and Vermilion Parish.

(4) District 4 is composed of Allen Parish; Beauregard Parish; Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Caddo Parish; Claiborne Parish; De Soto Parish; Evangeline Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Red River Parish; Sabine Parish; Precincts 1-2, 1-2A, 1-3, 1-3A, 1-5, 1-14, 1-19, 1-23, 1-24, 2-1, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-7, 2-9, 3-2, 4-8, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-8, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-11A, 6-13, 6-14, 6-15, 6-16 and 6-16A of St. Landry Parish; Union Parish; Vernon Parish and Webster Parish.

(5) District 5 is composed of Avoyelles Parish; Caldwell Parish; Catahoula Parish; Concordia Parish; East Carroll Parish; Precincts 1-2B, 3-1A, 3-1B, 3-1C, 3-2A, 3-2B, 4-1A, 4-1B, 4-2, 5-1, 5-3, 7-1, 8-1A and 8-1B of East Feliciana Parish; Franklin Parish; Grant Parish; Jackson Parish; La Salle Parish; Lincoln Parish; Madison Parish; Morehouse Parish; Ouachita Parish; Rapides Parish; Richland Parish; Precincts 1-1 and 6-1 of St. Helena Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-4, 1-4A, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-15, 1-15A, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-25, 1-26, 1-26A, 1-28, 1-28A, 1-29, 3-1, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-9, 4-10, 4-11, 4-12, 4-12A and 4-13 of St. Landry Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27, 27A, 28, 28A, 33, 101, 102, 103, 104, 104A, 105, 106, 106A, 106B, 107, 108, 109, 109A, 110, 111, 111A, 112, 114, 115B, 116, 117, 118, 120, 120A, 120B, 121, 121A and 125 of Tangipahoa Parish; Tensas Parish; Washington Parish; West Carroll Parish; West Feliciana Parish and Winn Parish.

(6) District 6 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43, 58 and 61 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 2-1, 2-3, 3-1, 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 7-2, 8-1 and 9-1 of Assumption Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-60, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-78, 1-80, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-87, 1-88, 1-89, 1-90, 1-97, 1-98, 1-99, 1-102, 1-103, 1-105, 1-107, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-10, 2-12, 2-14, 2-15, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-21, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-31, 2-32, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-27, 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39, 3-40, 3-41, 3-42, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-54 and 3-55 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2A, 1-3, 2-1A, 2-1B, 2-1C, 5-2 and 6-1 of East Feliciana Parish; Precincts 4, 5, 6A, 13, 15B, 24, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26A, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 of Iberville Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 2-1, 2-1A, 2-2, 2-3, 2-3A, 2-4, 2-4A, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 3-1, 3-4, 3-5, 5-1, 5-1A, 5-1B, 5-2, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 11-3 and 11-4 of Lafourche Parish; Livingston Parish; Pointe Coupee Parish; Precincts 1-6, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 and 6-5 of St. Charles Parish; Precincts 1-2, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2 and 6-2 of St. Helena Parish; Precincts 4-8, 5-3, 5-4, 5-6, 5-7, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4 and 7-5 of St. John the Baptist Parish; Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 27, 51, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 74, 76, 81, 82, 86 and 87 of Terrebonne Parish and Precincts 2-1A, 2-1B, 2-2, 2-3, 3-1B, 4-1, 4-3B, 6-1, 6-2, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 7-4 of West Baton Rouge Parish.

*Acts 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Ex. Sess., No. 2, §1, eff. noon on Jan. 3, 2013 (eff. for election purposes only for the regular elections in 2012).*

**NOTE:** *See Acts 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Ex. Sess., No. 2, §5(A), relative to effectiveness of the Act.*

**NOTE:** *See Acts 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Ex. Sess., No. 2, §2, relative to precincts referenced and territorial limits of districts; see also §3 relative to other officers appointed or elected based on congressional districts.*

**§1276.2.** *Repealed by Acts 1992, No. 42, §4, eff. June 1, 1992.*

**§1276.3.** *Repealed by Acts 1994, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 1, §2, eff. April 25, 1994.*

**§1277. Certification of votes cast for United States senator and representative in Congress**

Immediately after the results of the election for United States senator and representatives in Congress become official, the secretary of state shall separately certify the votes cast for United States senator and for each representative in Congress who was elected. Each such certificate shall be signed by the governor and by the secretary of state. Thus certifying the election of the persons determined to have been elected, the governor shall cause the seal of the state to be affixed to each certificate. One copy of the appropriate certificate shall be delivered to each person elected. Another copy of the certificate of the election of the United States senator shall be transmitted by the governor to the President of the United States Senate. A copy of each certificate of the election of representatives in Congress shall be transmitted by the governor to the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, directed to the clerk thereof.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

**§1278. Vacancies; United States senator**

A. The governor may fill any vacancy in the office of United States senator by appointment. If the United States Senate is in session when the vacancy occurs, the governor shall appoint a senator to fill the vacancy within ten days after receiving official notice of the vacancy.

B. If a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator and the unexpired term is more than one year, an appointment to fill the vacancy shall be temporary. Any senator so appointed shall serve until his successor is elected at a special election and takes office. Within ten days after receiving official notice of the vacancy, the governor shall issue a proclamation for special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The date of the special election shall be established by the governor in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:402(E). The dates of the qualifying period shall be established by the governor in accordance with R.S. 18:467, 467.1, and 468. Immediately after issuance of the proclamation, which shall include the dates of the primary and general elections and the dates of the qualifying period, the governor shall publish the proclamation in the official journal of each parish in which the election is to be held. Within twenty-four hours after its issuance, the governor shall send a copy of the proclamation to the secretary of state. Within twenty-four hours after he receives the copy, the secretary of state shall notify all election officials having any duty to perform in connection with a special election to fill such vacancy, including the parish boards of election supervisors for the parish or parishes in which the vacancy occurred. The election shall be conducted and the returns shall be certified as in regular elections for United States senator.

C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator and the unexpired term is one year or less, no special election shall be called by the governor and, if a senator is appointed to fill the vacancy, he shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, and his successor shall be elected at the next regular election for United States senator.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 38, §1, eff. May 31, 1978; Acts 1980, No. 792, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 1981, No. 76, §1, eff. June 26, 1981; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 240, §1; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.*

**§1279. Vacancies; representatives in congress**

When a vacancy occurs in the office of representative in congress, the governor shall determine the dates on which the special elections shall be held and the dates of the qualifying period and shall issue a proclamation ordering a special election and specifying the dates on which the primary and general elections will be held and the dates of the qualifying period for the election. Immediately thereafter he shall publish the proclamation in the official journal of each parish in which the election is to be held. Within twenty-four hours after issuing the proclamation, the governor shall send a copy of the proclamation to the secretary of state, who shall within twenty-four hours of receipt of the information notify all election officials having any duty to perform in connection with a special election to fill such vacancy, including the parish boards of

election supervisors for the parish or parishes in which the vacancy occurred. The election shall be conducted in the same manner and at the same places and the returns shall be certified as in regular congressional elections. If at a primary or general election in a congressional district one representative in congress is to be elected for a full term and another to fill a vacancy, the ballots containing the names of the candidates shall, as a part of the title of the office, designate the term for which the candidates are respectively nominated.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 545, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; Acts 1980, No. 792, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; Acts 1981, No. 76, §1, eff. June 26, 1981; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 2006, No. 560, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 240, §1; Acts 2010, No. 570, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011.*

### §1280. Contests

Except as may be otherwise provided by the constitution and laws of the United States, contests of elections under this Part shall be made as provided in this Title for state candidates.

*Acts 1976, No. 697, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

## PART III. PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

### §1280.21. Presidential preference primary election

A. A statewide presidential preference primary election shall be held on the last Saturday in March in 2024 and every fourth year thereafter for the purpose of allowing the electors of each political party in the state which has forty thousand or more registered members to express their preference for a person to be the nominee of the party for president of the United States.

B. Each elector voting in such election may vote only for a candidate who is affiliated with the same party as the elector, except that the state central committee of a recognized political party may allow in its bylaws, electors who are not affiliated with any political party to cast a vote on the ballot of such recognized political party.

C. The state central committee shall notify the Department of State that its bylaws allow for such voting by non-affiliated electors no later than seven days prior to the opening of qualifying for the presidential preference primary. Such notification shall be considered valid and effective for subsequent presidential preference primaries unless the state central committee notifies the Department of State that its bylaws no longer allow for such voting by non-affiliated electors no later than seven days prior to the opening of qualifying for a presidential preference primary.

D. Any elector who is not affiliated with any political party and who is allowed to cast his vote on the ballot of a recognized political party in the presidential preference primary pursuant to this Section shall cast his vote on the ballot of only one recognized political party.

**NOTE:** *Subsection (E) eff. until Feb. 1, 2023. See Acts 2021, No. 377.*

E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Code to the contrary, in any statewide presidential preference primary election, at any precinct where the presidential preference issue or election of political party officials or both are the only matters on the ballot, the number of election commissioners required in such precinct shall be one commissioner-in-charge and two commissioners.

**NOTE:** *Subsection (E) as amended by Acts 2021, No. 377, eff. Feb. 1, 2023.*

*E. Repealed by Acts 2021, No. 377, §2, eff. Feb. 1, 2023.*

*Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979; S.C.R. No. 4, 1983 2nd Ex. Sess.; Acts 1986, No. 35, §1, eff. June 17, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 427, §1; Acts 2004, No. 678, §1; Acts 2006, No. 845, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2011, No. 293, §1; Acts 2014, No. 792, §1; Acts 2021, No. 377, §2, eff. Feb. 1, 2023; Acts 2021, No. 381, §1, eff. June 17, 2021.*

**§1280.21.1. Presidential preference primary election and elections held at the same time in 2020**

A.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:1280.21(A), the statewide presidential preference primary election shall be held on the first Saturday in April in 2020.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:1280.22(B)(1), the qualifying period for presidential candidates in the statewide presidential preference primary election in 2020 shall open on the second Wednesday in January of 2020 and shall close at 4:30 p.m. on the following Friday.

B.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:402(C)(1), primary elections for municipal and ward officers who are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress shall be held on the first Saturday in April in 2020.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:402(C)(2), general elections for municipal and ward officers who are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress shall be held on the fifth Saturday after the first Saturday in April in 2020.

C.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:402(E)(1)(c), the first Saturday in March shall not be available for a special primary election in 2020. Instead, the first Saturday in April shall be available for a special primary election pursuant to R.S. 18:402(E)(1) in 2020.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:402(E)(2)(c), if a special primary election is held on the first Saturday in April in 2020, the special general election shall be held on the fifth Saturday after the first Saturday in April in 2020.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:402(F)(3), the first Saturday in March, the fifth Saturday after the first Saturday in March, the last Saturday in March, and the fifth Saturday after the last Saturday in March shall not be available for a bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters in 2020. Instead, the first Saturday in April and the fifth Saturday after the first Saturday in April shall be available for a bond, tax, or other election at which a proposition or question is submitted to the voters in 2020 pursuant to R.S. 18:402(F).

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 18:467(3), the qualifying period for candidates in a primary election for municipal and ward officers who are not elected at the same time as the governor or members of congress in municipalities with a population of less than three hundred thousand and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time in 2020 shall open on the second Wednesday in January of 2020.

*Acts 2019, No. 374, §1, eff. June 19, 2019.*

**§1280.22. Candidates; procedure for qualifying**

A. Candidates for presidential nominee shall qualify in accordance with procedures established by the party. Prior to qualification as a candidate of a political party for presidential nominee, a person shall pay a qualifying fee of seven hundred fifty dollars and any additional fee as authorized by R.S. 18:464(C) or shall have obtained a nominating petition, bearing the handwritten signatures of no less than one thousand registered voters affiliated with the party from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided. If the candidate is qualifying by paying a fee, the fee shall be paid in cash, by certified or cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank or credit union, by United States postal money order, or by a money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union.

B.(1) The qualifying period for presidential candidates shall open on the third Wednesday in December and shall close at 4:30 p.m. on the following Friday. During the qualifying period, presidential candidates shall file notices of candidacy with the secretary of state.

(2)(a) A notice of candidacy shall be in writing and shall state the candidate's name, the office he seeks, the address of his domicile, and the political party with which he is registered as being affiliated. The

political party with which the candidate was affiliated at the time of qualifying is the one which shall appear on the ballot, even if the candidate changes his political party designation after he qualified for the election.

(b) The candidate shall designate in the notice the form in which his name shall be printed on the ballot. The candidate may designate his given, first, and middle name, the initials of his given, first, and middle name, a nickname, or any combination thereof as the form in which his name shall be printed on the ballot. However, he shall not designate a title, designation, or deceptive name, nor shall he designate an occupational or professional description or abbreviation. If the candidate designates a nickname in the place of or in combination with his given name or the initials thereof, the nickname shall be set off with quotation marks and shall be placed immediately preceding his surname. A candidate shall include his surname in his designation of the form in which his name shall be printed on the ballot.

(c) The notice of candidacy also shall include a certificate signed by the candidate, certifying that he has read the notice of his candidacy and that all of the statements contained therein are true and correct. The certificate shall be executed before a notary public. If the candidate is serving outside the state with the armed forces of the United States, his notice of candidacy shall be witnessed by a commissioned officer in the armed forces of the United States.

(d) A notice of candidacy shall be accompanied by the qualifying fee and any additional fee imposed or a nominating petition.

(3)(a) Each sheet of a nominating petition shall set forth the name of the presidential candidate, as it shall appear on the election ballot, the address of the candidate, the political party with which he is affiliated, and the date of the presidential primary.

(b) Each voter who signs a nominating petition shall include his name and residence address.

(c) All persons who obtained signatures shall certify that to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief all of the signatures on the nominating petition are genuine, and all of the statements contained in the petition are true and correct.

(d) A nominating petition shall be submitted to the registrars of voters in the parishes where the signers reside not less than thirty days before the end of the qualifying period.

(e) The registrar for each parish shall endorse upon the nominating petitions, whether original or supplemental, the date and time of submission and shall promptly certify the nominating petitions, in the order received, by determining and certifying on each nominating petition which of the signers are registered to vote in the parish. A registrar may stop certifying the signatures on a nominating petition when the total number of the signers he has certified as having signed the petition timely and as being registered to vote equals fifteen percent more than the number of registered voters required from the congressional district. A registrar's certification shall be conclusive as to number of qualified voters who timely signed a nominating petition, and evidence to the contrary shall not be admitted in an action objecting to the candidacy of a presidential candidate filing the nominating petition.

C.(1)(a) Any person who qualifies as a candidate for presidential nominee may withdraw his candidacy by filing a notice of his withdrawal that is signed by the candidate and duly acknowledged before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The notice of withdrawal shall be filed prior to 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day after the close of the qualifying period with the secretary of state, who shall note thereon the date it was filed.

(b) The secretary of state shall not accept a statement of withdrawal that does not satisfy the requirements of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. The secretary of state shall endorse the date and time of receipt of such a notice of withdrawal and return the notice forthwith, either personally or by registered or certified mail.

(2) A notice of withdrawal filed in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection shall become effective when it is filed with the secretary of state. The effect of the withdrawal shall be as provided in R.S. 18:502.

*Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979; S.C.R. No. 4, 1983 2nd Ex. Sess.; Acts 1984, No. 673, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1985; Acts 1986, No. 35, §1, eff. June 17, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 427, §1; Acts 1987, No. 831, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1988; Acts 1992, No. 944, §1; Acts 1995, No. 300, §1, eff. June 15, 1995; Acts 1997, No. 1420, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1998; Acts 2001, No. 1032, §7; Acts 2004, No. 526, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2004, No. 604, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2005; Acts 2006, No. 845, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2011, No. 293, §1; Acts 2015, No. 307, §1, eff. June 29, 2015; Acts 2015, No. 410, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2016; Acts 2021, No. 381, §1, eff. June 17, 2021.*

### **§1280.23. Conduct of election**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Part, the election for which provision is made in this Part shall be conducted and the returns thereof published and promulgated as provided in the election laws of the state.

*Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979.*

### **§1280.24. Arrangement of ballot**

The ballot for the election provided in this Part shall contain the names of each candidate arranged by party affiliation and placed in alphabetical order within each party.

*Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979; S.C.R. No. 4, 1983 2nd Ex. Sess.; Acts 1986, No. 35, §1, eff. June 17, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 427, §1.*

### **§1280.25. Voting according to party affiliation**

No elector may vote in the election provided in this Part for a candidate affiliated with a party in which the elector is not registered, except as provided in R.S. 18:1280.21.

*Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979; S.C.R. No. 4, 1983 2nd Ex. Sess.; Acts 1986, No. 35, §1, eff. June 17, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 427, §1; Acts 2004, No. 678, §1.*

**§1280.26.** *Repealed by Acts 1983, No. 681, §2, eff. July 21, 1983.*

### **§1280.27. Delegates to political party conventions; selection; oaths; voting; allocation among presidential nominees**

A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, at least ninety days prior to a presidential preference primary election, the state governing body of each eligible political party shall establish procedures to be followed in the selection of individual delegates and alternates to the convention of that party, including procedures for the selection of committed and uncommitted delegates. A copy of any rule adopted by the state party committee shall be filed with the secretary of state within seven days after its adoption and shall become public record.

B. Delegates shall be allocated among the presidential candidates according to the results of the presidential primary and according to guidelines established by the governing bodies of the respective parties.

C. *Repealed by Acts 1984, No. 672, §3.*

*Added by Acts 1979, No. 684, §1, eff. Dec. 1, 1979. S.C.R. No. 4, 1983, 2nd Ex. Sess. Acts 1984, No. 672, §1; Acts 1986, No. 35, §1, eff. June 17, 1986; Acts 1986, No. 427, §1.*

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## CHAPTER 6-A. BOND, DEBT, AND TAX ELECTIONS

### §1281. Statement of purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement Article VI, Section 22 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 by establishing a uniform procedure for the conduct of elections to authorize the issuance of bonds, the assumption of indebtedness, and the imposition or increase of taxes by political subdivisions. The procedure for elections set forth in this Chapter shall apply to and shall supersede those provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 which were continued as statutes under authority of Part II of Article XIV of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and existing laws of the state of Louisiana, notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained therein. However, nothing contained in this Chapter shall repeal the limitations in effect on January 1, 1975 on the authority of political subdivisions to impose or increase taxes.

*Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

### §1282. Political subdivision defined

For purposes of this Chapter, the term "political subdivision" means a state department, agency, board, or commission; a parish; a municipality; a school board and a school district; a levee board and a levee district; a port board and a port commission; a port, harbor, terminal and industrial district; and any special service district, including but not limited to a road, water, sewerage, fire, protection, recreation, gas utility, or garbage district, and any other board, district, or unit of local government authorized by law to conduct elections for the issuance of bonds, the levying or increasing of any tax, or the assumption of indebtedness.

*Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

### §1283. Elections

A. In every case in which the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 as now existing or hereafter amended, or of law, as now existing or hereafter amended or enacted, requires the approval of voters at an election in a political subdivision as a prerequisite to the issuance of bonds, levying or increasing of any tax, or the assumption of indebtedness by said political subdivision, the election shall be held substantially in accordance with the election laws set forth in Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, except that the election shall be called, conducted, canvassed, promulgated, and notice thereof given by the governing authority of the political subdivision in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth.

B. The governing authority of the political subdivision may call a special election for any of these purposes to be held on any of the dates set forth in R.S. 18:402(F), and it shall call an election for any of these purposes when requested to do so by the petition in writing of one-fourth of the electors qualified to vote at an election.

*Added by Acts 1977, No. 545, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 1978.*

### §1284. Resolution calling election; proposition

A. The election shall be ordered by a resolution of the governing authority of the political subdivision which shall state the purpose for which it is called.

B. If the purpose of the election is to authorize the issuance of bonds, the resolution and the proposition submitted to the voters shall state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and, if required by the law pursuant to which the bonds are issued, the estimated millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue, the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued, the number of years for which the bonds are to run, and the maximum rate of interest on the bonds.