State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 28 JBE 2020

ELECTIONS – RESCHEDULED DUE TO STATEWIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY CAUSED BY COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Governor declared a Statewide Emergency via Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 on March 11, 2020, in response to the imminent threat posed by the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has certified to the Governor, on March 13, 2020, that a state of emergency exists that would affect the electoral process, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:401.1;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Preference Primary election is scheduled for April 4, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m and the municipal general election is scheduled for May 9, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, early voting for the April 4, 2020 election is scheduled to be conducted March 21, 2020 through March 28, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., excluding March 22, 2020, and early voting for the May 9, 2020 election is scheduled to be conducted April 25, 2020 through May 2, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., excluding April 26, 2020;

WHEREAS, the deadline to request absentee by mail ballots for the April 4, 2020 election is March 31, 2020 and the deadline to request absentee by mail ballots for the May 9, 2020 election is May 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, the deadlines to return absentee by mail ballots for the April 4, 2020 election are April 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and April 4, 2020 for sequestered jurors, military and overseas voters, and hospitalized voters;

WHEREAS, the deadlines to return absentee by mail ballots for the May 9, 2020 election are May 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and May 9, 2020 for sequestered jurors, military and overseas voters, and hospitalized voters;

WHEREAS, the deadline for calling special elections and proposition elections for the April 4, 2020 election was December 11, 2019 and the deadline for calling special elections and proposition elections for the May 9, 2020 election is March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency exists and it is necessary to reschedule the April 4, 2020 and May 9, 2020 elections to protect the health and safety of the voters of Louisiana.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The following election days and deadlines are hereby rescheduled in light of the current threat posed to the State and citizens of Louisiana by COVID-19:

A. The April 4, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary election is hereby rescheduled for June 20, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

B. The May 9, 2020 election is hereby rescheduled for July 25, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

C. Early Voting for the April 4, 2020 election is hereby rescheduled for June 6, 2020 through June 13, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., excluding June 7, 2020.

D. Early voting for the May 9, 2020 election is hereby rescheduled for July 11, 2020 through July 18, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., excluding July 12, 2020.

E. The deadline to request absentee by mail ballots for the June 20, 2020 election shall be June 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

F. The deadline to request absentee by mail ballots for the July 25, 2020 election shall be July 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

G. The deadlines to return absentee by mail ballots for the June 20, 2020 election shall be June 19, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and June 20, 2020 for sequestered jurors, military and overseas voters, and hospitalized voters;

H. The deadlines to return absentee by mail ballots for the July 25, 2020 election shall be July 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and July 25, 2020 for sequestered jurors, military and overseas voters, and hospitalized voters.

SECTION 2: The deadline for calling special elections and proposition elections for the April 4, 2020 election and the May 9, 2020 election shall not be extended.

SECTION 3: These elections shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Boards of Election Supervisors, Clerks of Court, Registrars of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the State of Louisiana are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct these elections, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of March, 2020.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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