

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 317

2018 Regular Session

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MUNICIPAL/LAWRASON ACT: Provides for changes to the election dates for certain Lawrason Act municipalities

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the date for municipal elections in an additional municipality, one with a population of between 6,200 and 6,600 in a parish with a population between 118,000 and 125,000 while the municipality meets these parameters based on the most recent federal decennial census.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that municipalities with a mayor-board of aldermen form of government hold municipal elections every four years on the date for municipal and ward elections in accordance with the election code (the Spring election dates). Provides that the officers elected take office on the first day of July following their election. Present law provides, however, that such a municipality may move its municipal elections to the congressional election date. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law changes the election date for municipal elections to the *gubernatorial* election date in municipalities that are in a parish with a population between 118,000 and 125,000 and that have a municipal population in one of the following ranges:

- (1) 1,200-2,000.
- (2) 6,200-6,600.

Proposed law applies to a municipality only while it meets the population parameters based on the most recent federal decennial census.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:383(A)(1); Adds R.S. 33:383(A)(3))