

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 82****2019 Regular Session****DeVillier**

ELECTIONS/BOND & TAX: Requires disclosure and publication of costs for bond, debt, and tax elections

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove requirement to include estimated cost of election in pre-election notice. |
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Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 18:1400.1 et seq.) provides relative to the election costs to be paid by the secretary of state and governing authorities and provides the manner in which such expenses may be prorated between the state and all local entities participating in the election.

Present law further requires that notice of the election shall be given and provides for the content of the notice. Provides that notice of the election shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the official journal of the political subdivision, or if there is none, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish. Provides that not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days shall intervene between the date of the first publication and the date of the election.

Present law requires the governing authority to promulgate the result of the election by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or, if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish.

Proposed law adds a requirement that for all bond, debt, and tax elections called after Sept. 23, 2019, the governing authority include in the publication a statement of the actual cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state in accordance with present law.

Provides that the provisions of proposed law are applicable to all bond, debt, and tax elections called after Sept. 23, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 18:1292)