

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 906

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT

MUNICIPAL/LAWRASON ACT: Removes a requirement for certain Lawrason Act municipalities to use the gubernatorial election dates for municipal elections

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 33:383(A)(3), relative to municipal elections in certain Lawrason Act

3 municipalities; to remove a requirement to use the gubernatorial election date for

4 such elections by certain municipalities; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:383(A)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes requirement that municipal elections in certain municipalities occur on the gubernatorial election dates.

Present law provides that municipalities with a mayor-board of aldermen form of government hold municipal elections every four years on the date set for municipal and ward elections by the election code (the primary election is held on the last Sat. in Mar. or on the first Sat. in Mar. in a presidential election year; the general election is five weeks after the primary). 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.

Present law further provides that the election date for municipal elections is the *gubernatorial* election date (the primary election is held on the third to last Sat. in Oct.; the general election is five weeks after the primary) 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 removes this provision of present law.

(Repeals R.S. 33:383(A)(3))