

2025 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AND SENATOR KLEINPETER

ELECTIONS/DATES: Changes the election date for the spring 2026 statewide election for the submission of proposed constitutional amendments (Item #1)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 Regular Session of the
3 Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature,
4 Section 3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 8
5 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 2 of Act
6 No. 223 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Act No. 212 of
7 the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to designating the statewide
8 election for submitting proposed constitutional amendments contained in joint
9 resolutions concurred in during the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature to the
10 electors of the state; to provide for a special statewide election to be held on May 16,
11 2026, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the
12 electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; to change the date
13 on which the proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the electors;
14 to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. A special statewide election shall be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, for
17 the purpose of submitting to the electors of the state proposed constitutional amendments
18 contained in joint resolutions concurred in by each house of the legislature during the 2025
19 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

1 Section 2. The election for which provision is made in this Act shall be held in
2 compliance with and subject to the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

3 Section 3. Section 2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
4 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

5 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
6 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held
7 on ~~April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the~~
8 ~~Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025~~
9 ~~Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this~~
10 ~~proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at~~
11 ~~a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026. May 16, 2026.~~

12 Section 4. Section 2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
13 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
15 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held
16 on ~~April 18, 2026. May 16, 2026.~~

17 Section 5. Section 3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
18 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

19 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
20 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held
21 on ~~April 18, 2026. May 16, 2026.~~

22 Section 6. Section 8 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
23 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

24 Section 8. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
25 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held
26 on ~~April 18, 2026. May 16, 2026.~~

27 Section 7. Section 2 of Act No. 223 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
28 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
2 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held
3 on ~~April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the~~
4 ~~Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025~~
5 ~~Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this~~
6 ~~proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at~~
7 ~~a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.~~ May 16, 2026.

8 Section 8. Act No. 212 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is hereby
9 repealed in its entirety.

10 Section 9. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 2 Engrossed

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Beaulieu

Abstract: Changes election dates for the spring 2026 statewide election for submission of certain proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state.

Present law provides for a special statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the state proposed constitutional amendments contained in joint resolutions concurred in by each house of the legislature during the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of La.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead provides for such a special statewide election to be held on May 16, 2026.

Proposed constitutional amendments provide for the submission to the voters the following constitutional amendments on April 18, 2026, as concurred in by each house of the legislature during the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of La.:

- (1) Act No. 21; relative to the proposed St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish.
- (2) Act No. 219; relative to the mandatory retirement of judges.
- (3) Act No. 221; relative to ad valorem taxes.

(4) Act No. 222; relative to application of state monies to the unfunded accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

(5) Act No. 223; relative to state civil service.

Proposed law changes the date for the submission of the constitutional amendments to the voters from April 18, 2026 to May 16, 2026.

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

(Amends §2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 R.S.; §2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 R.S.; §3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 R.S.; §8 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 R.S.; and §2 of Act No. 223 of the 2025 R.S.; Repeals Act No. 212 of the 2025 R.S.)