

1 scheduled statewide congressional or gubernatorial election that is not a party
 2 primary election. In a calendar year during which there is no regularly scheduled
 3 statewide congressional or gubernatorial election, the election may be held at the
 4 same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans, if any. A
 5 special election may be authorized by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected
 6 members of each house of the legislature.

7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall become
 8 effective on January 1, 2028.

9 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 10 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
 11 2026.

12 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
 13 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 14 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 15 follows:

16 Do you support an amendment to require that any local bond or tax election
 17 be held only during a regularly scheduled congressional or gubernatorial
 18 election, or in a calendar year when there is no regularly scheduled
 19 congressional or gubernatorial election, at the same time as a regularly
 20 scheduled election in New Orleans? (Amends Article VI, Section 22)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires local bond and tax elections to be held only during a regularly scheduled congressional or gubernatorial election, or in a calendar year during which there is no regularly scheduled congressional or gubernatorial election, at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in New Orleans.

Present constitution provides that when an election is required in a political subdivision under the provisions of present constitution which require submission to the electors of a proposition or question, the election shall be called, conducted, and the returns thereof canvassed, in accordance with the procedures established by the law then in effect pertaining

to elections for incurring bonded indebtedness and special taxes relative to local finance, or as may be otherwise provided by law.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that when an election is required in a political subdivision under the provisions of present constitution or other law regarding bonded indebtedness or special taxes relative to local finance, the election may be held only during a regularly scheduled statewide congressional or gubernatorial election that is not a party primary election. In a calendar year during which there is no regularly scheduled statewide congressional or gubernatorial election, the election may be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans, if any. Further provides that a special election may be authorized by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Effective January 1, 2028.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §22)