

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 847

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1206(A) and 1207(C) and (G) and to enact R.S. 3:1206(C),
3 relative to the election of district supervisors for the state soil and water conservation
4 commission; to establish the method and administration of elections; to provide for
5 supervisor terms, the filling of vacancies, and eligibility requirements for
6 reappointment or reelection; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:1206(A) and 1207(C) and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 and R.S. 3:1206(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1206. Election of three supervisors for each district

11 A. Within thirty days after the date of issuance by the secretary of state of
12 a certificate of organization of a soil and water conservation district, nomination
13 petitions may be filed with the state soil and water conservation commission to
14 nominate candidates for supervisors of the district. The commission shall have
15 authority to extend the time within which nominating petitions may be filed. No
16 nominating petition shall be accepted by the board, unless ~~it shall be~~ the registrar of
17 voters in the parish where the signers reside has certified, pursuant to R.S. 18:3, that
18 the petition has been subscribed by twenty-five or more qualified voters within the
19 district, ~~who are qualified to vote under the constitution and law of this state.~~
20 Qualified voters may sign more than one such nominating petition to nominate more
21 than one candidate for supervisor. ~~The commission shall give due notice of an~~
22 ~~election to be held for the election of three supervisors for the district.~~ The names

1 of all nominees on behalf of whom nominating petitions have been filed within the
 2 time ~~herein~~ designated in this Subsection shall be ~~printed, arranged in the~~
 3 ~~alphabetical order of the surnames, upon ballots, with a square before each name and~~
 4 ~~a direction to insert an X mark in the square before any three names to indicate the~~
 5 ~~voter's preference. All qualified voters within the district who are qualified to vote~~
 6 ~~under the constitution and laws of this state shall be eligible to vote in the election.~~
 7 ~~Only qualified voters shall be eligible to vote.~~ submitted to the secretary of state as
 8 candidates in an election to be held by the secretary of state as a private election.
 9 The three candidates who shall receive the largest number, respectively, of the votes
 10 cast in ~~such the~~ election shall be the elected supervisors for ~~such the~~ district. The
 11 ~~state commission shall pay all the expenses of such election, shall supervise the~~
 12 ~~conduct thereof, shall prescribe regulations governing the conduct of such election,~~
 13 ~~and shall publish the results thereof.~~

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15 C. The secretary of state and the commissioner of agriculture and forestry
 16 may adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the intent and
 17 purposes of this Section.

§1207. Appointment, qualifications, tenure of supervisors

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20 C. The three elected supervisors of the district shall be elected annually, one
 21 each year. ~~These elections of supervisors shall be held throughout the state~~
 22 ~~regularly on the second Saturday in June, each year, in accordance with the general~~
 23 ~~procedure and in the manner prescribed in R.S. 3:1206. Terms of office of all~~
 24 ~~supervisors so elected shall begin on July 1st~~ first, following the date of their
 25 election. ~~All supervisors presently in office and serving on the governing body of~~
 26 ~~a conservation district, shall remain in office until their terms expire, but from and~~
 27 ~~after August 1st, 1956, all vacancies shall be filled in the manner above prescribed,~~
 28 ~~and whenever the term of any supervisor expires, it shall be filled by an election to~~
 29 ~~be held on the second Saturday in June after the expiration of said term.~~

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1 G. Any supervisor may be removed by the commission upon notice and
2 hearing, for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason. A
3 supervisor shall not qualify for reappointment or reelection unless he ~~shall have~~
4 attended at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent of the scheduled district meetings,
5 within a twelve month period, provided, however, upon a showing of good cause,
6 this condition may be waived by resolution duly adopted by the state soil and water
7 conservation commission.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____