

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 191

BY SENATORS MORRELL AND MURRAY AND REPRESENTATIVES BROSSETT
AND LEGER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTION DAYS. Changes the dates for municipal and parochial elections, inaugurations,
and qualifying periods, in certain parishes. (see Act)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(D), 467(4), and 514, relative to parochial and municipal
3 elections in certain parishes; to provide relative to the qualifying period, the dates for
4 primary and general elections and inauguration; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:402(D) and 467(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §402. Dates of primary and general elections

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10 D. Parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality
11 with a population of three hundred thousand or more. Elections for parochial and
12 municipal officers in a parish containing a municipality with a population of three
13 hundred thousand or more shall be held every four years, beginning in ~~2006~~ 2017,
14 as follows:

15 (1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers shall be held on the
16 ~~first~~ third Saturday in ~~February~~ October of an election year.

17 (2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers shall be held on the

1 fourth Saturday after the first **third** Saturday in ~~February~~ **October** of an election
2 year.

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4 §467. Opening of qualifying period

5 The qualifying period for candidates in a primary election shall open:

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7 (4) For candidates in a primary election for parochial and municipal officers
8 in a parish containing a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or
9 more and in which the municipal and parochial elections are held at the same time,
10 on the second Wednesday in ~~December preceding~~ **August in** the year of the election.

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12 Section 2. R.S. 18:514 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §514. Parish with municipality population of three hundred thousand or more;
14 municipal and parochial officers; date of taking office

15 All elected parochial and municipal officers in a parish containing a
16 municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more shall take office
17 on the first **third** Monday in ~~May of 1982~~ **January of 2022** and each four years
18 thereafter.

19 Section 3. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

20 Section 4. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

Present law relative to parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more, requires elections for parochial and municipal offices and qualifying periods to be held every four years, beginning in 2006 as follows:

- (1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers will be held on the first Saturday in February of an election year.
- (2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers will be held on the fourth Saturday after the first Saturday in February of an election year.
- (3) The qualifying period for candidates in a primary election will start on the second

Wednesday in December of an election year.

Proposed law changes the dates of election and qualifying periods beginning in 2015 as follows:

- (1) Primary elections for parochial and municipal officers will be held on the third Saturday in October of an election year.
- (2) General elections for parochial and municipal officers will be held on the fourth Saturday after the third Saturday in October of an election year.
- (3) The qualifying period for candidates in a primary election will start on the second Wednesday in August of an election year.

Present law relative to parochial and municipal elections in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more, requires municipal and parochial officers to take office on the first Monday in May and each four years thereafter.

Proposed law changes the date municipal and parochial officers to take office to the third Monday in May beginning in 2022 and each four years thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 18:402(D), 467(4), and 514)