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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)