

1 ~~(e)~~(d) If a sheriff is removed or suspended from office pursuant to the
2 provisions of R.S. 42:1411 or 1412 and a person is appointed to assume the duties
3 of the office pursuant to Subparagraph (C)(2)(b) of this Section, the person so
4 appointed shall be eligible in the next election as a candidate for the office to which
5 he is appointed.

6 (2)(a) If the unexpired term of an office covered by Subsection A of this
7 Section exceeds eighteen months or the unexpired term of an office covered by
8 Subsection B or C of this Section exceeds one year, the governing authority of the
9 local governmental subdivision in which the vacancy occurs, or the school board
10 when the vacancy occurs in its membership, or the governor when a vacancy occurs
11 in the office of district attorney or in an office for which there is not a single
12 governing authority or as provided in Subsection F of this Section, within twenty
13 days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue a proclamation ordering a special election
14 to fill the vacancy and shall specify in the proclamation, in accordance with R.S.
15 18:402, the dates on which the primary and general elections shall be held and, in
16 accordance with R.S. 18:467, 467.1, and 468, the dates of the qualifying period for
17 candidates in the special election. However, if the deadline for issuing the
18 proclamation falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, then the next day
19 which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be deemed to be the final day
20 for issuing such proclamation. In selecting the dates for such special elections, the
21 governing authority or school board as the case may be, may choose a gubernatorial
22 or congressional election date, if such date is available within eighteen months of the
23 occurrence of the vacancy for an office covered by Subsection A of this Section or
24 within a year of the occurrence of the vacancy for an office covered by Subsection
25 B or C of this Section or may select an election date in accordance with R.S. 18:402.
26 In the cases in which the governor has the authority to select the date for such special
27 elections, the governor shall first choose a gubernatorial or congressional election
28 date. If no such date is available within eighteen months of the occurrence of the
29 vacancy for an office covered by Subsection A of this Section or within a year of the
30 occurrence of the vacancy for an office covered by Subsection B or C of this Section,

1 the governor shall then select an election date in accordance with R.S. 18:402. If the
2 governing authority or school board fails to issue the proclamation within twenty
3 days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall issue the proclamation.

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5 (4) If the unexpired term of a parish or municipal office covered by
6 Subsection A of this Section is ~~one year~~ eighteen months or more, but the vacancy
7 occurs within ~~one year~~ eighteen months of the regularly scheduled primary election
8 for that office, no special election will be called, and the appointee shall serve for the
9 remainder of the term of office.

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11 Section 2. R.S. 13:2583(F) and R.S. 42:373 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

12 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____