**ACT 395 (HB 317)**          **2018 Regular Session**          **Robby Carter**

Existing law provides that municipalities with a mayor-board of aldermen form of government hold municipal elections every four years on the date set for municipal and ward elections by the election code (the primary election is held on the last Saturday in March or on the first Saturday in March in a presidential election year; the general election is five weeks after the primary). Provides that the officers elected take office on the first day of July following their election. Existing law provides, however, that such a municipality may move its municipal elections to the congressional election date.

New law changes the election date for municipal elections to the *gubernatorial* election date (the primary election is held on the third to last Saturday in October; the general election is five weeks after the primary) in municipalities that are in a parish with a population between 118,000 and 125,000 and that have a municipal population in one of the following ranges:

(1)      1,200-2,000.

(2)      6,200-6,600.

New law applies to a municipality while it meets the population parameters based on the most recent federal decennial census.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 22, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 33:383(A)(1); Adds R.S. 33:383(A)(3))