
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for election of state legislators, the governor, other statewide elected officials, members of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, sheriffs, clerks of court, coroners, and tax assessors at regularly scheduled congressional elections in years without a regularly scheduled presidential election. Extends the terms of current such elected officials to provide for the next election to be held in 2030.

Present constitution provides that the governor, statewide elected officials, and members of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) are elected at the same time as state legislators.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the governor, state legislators, statewide elected officials, members of BESE, sheriffs, clerks of court, coroners, and tax assessors shall be elected during the regularly scheduled congressional elections in years without a regularly scheduled presidential election.

Proposed constitutional amendment does not apply to elections for sheriff, clerk of court, coroner, or tax assessor in Orleans Parish.

Present constitution provides that state legislators, the governor, statewide elected officials, members of BESE, sheriffs, clerks of court, coroners, and tax assessors shall serve terms of four years. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment extends the terms of legislators, statewide elected officials, and members of BESE of who were elected to a term of office which began on Jan. 8, 2024, until the second Monday in Jan. 2031.

Proposed constitutional amendment extends the terms of sheriffs and clerks of court who were elected to a term of office which began on July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2031.

Proposed constitutional amendment extends the terms of tax assessors who were elected to a term of office which began on Jan. 1, 2024, until Dec. 31, 2031.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for the next election to a regular term of office for all such elected officials to occur at the regular congressional elections held in 2030.

Present constitution provides for the transition of terms of elected and appointed members of BESE

whose terms ended in 1980, 1982, and 1984. Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends La. Const. Art. III, §4(C), Art. IV, §3(A) and (D), Art. V, §§27, 28(A), and 29, Art. VII, §24(A), and Art. VIII, §3(B); Repeals Art. VIII, §15)