

1 (B) When an election is required in a political subdivision under the
2 provisions of this constitution or other law regarding bonded indebtedness or special
3 taxes relative to local finance, a fee imposed within a special district, the primary
4 purpose of which is provided for in Article III, Section 13(B) of this Constitution, or
5 gaming, gambling, or wagering, the election may be held only during a regularly
6 scheduled open primary election. The legislature may provide by law enacted by
7 two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature for the calling of
8 special elections in the case of emergency.

9 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
10 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
11 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal
12 Article VI, Section 30(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

13 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall become
14 effective on January 1, 2029.

15 Section 4. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
16 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
17 2026.

18 Section 5. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
19 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
20 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
21 follows:

22 Do you support an amendment to require that any local bond or tax election,
23 parcel fee election, or gaming election be held only during a regularly
24 scheduled open primary election and to repeal the prohibition against a
25 political subdivision submitting the same tax proposition to the electorate
26 more than once in a six month period except in the case of an emergency?

27 (Amends Article VI, Section 22; Repeals Article VI, Section 30(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that local tax, bond, parcel fee, and gaming elections may be held only during a regularly scheduled open primary election, except as otherwise provided by law enacted by two-thirds vote of the legislature.

Present constitution (Art. VI, §22) provides that when an election is required in a political subdivision under the provisions of the constitution which require submission to the electors of a proposition or question, the election shall be called, conducted, and the returns thereof canvassed, in accordance with the procedures established by the law then in effect pertaining to elections for incurring bonded indebtedness and special taxes relative to local finance, or as may be otherwise provided by law.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution (Art. XI, §1) provides that the legislature shall adopt an election code which shall provide for the conduct of all elections.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that when an election is required in a political subdivision under the provisions of present constitution or other law regarding bonded indebtedness or special taxes relative to local finance, a parcel fee, or gaming, gambling, or wagering, the election may be held only during a regularly scheduled open primary election. Further provides that the legislature may provide by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature for the calling of special elections in cases of emergency.

Present constitution (Art. VI, §30(B)) provides that no political subdivision shall submit the same tax proposition, or a new tax proposition that includes such a tax proposition, to the electorate more than once within a six month period except in the case of an emergency as determined by the governing authority of the political subdivision.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2029.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §22; Repeals Const. Art. VI, §30(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Apply proposed constitutional amendment to parcel fee and gaming elections.
2. Authorize the legislature to provide for the calling of special elections specifically in the case of emergency.

3. Provide for the repeal of present constitution provisions that prohibit a political subdivision from submitting the same tax proposition, or a new tax proposition that includes such a tax proposition, to the electorate more than once within a six month period.
4. Add an effective date.