

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 18-12

SUSPENSION OF EARLY VOTING

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:401.1 provides a procedure whereby the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, early voting and elections can occur when there is a possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election “in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person’s exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process...”

WHEREAS, early voting for the April 28, 2018 proposition elections is scheduled to be conducted on April 14, 2018 through April 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Parish of East Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2018, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B), the Secretary of State certified and recommended that due to a settlement event at the River Center Branch Library that is currently under construction on North Boulevard, effective at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, early voting be suspended on April 19, 2018 starting at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 222 St. Louis Street, #201, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860 and resume early voting at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall, 222 St. Louis Street, #201, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860 or until Mayor Sharon Weston Broome lifts the closure order for City Hall; and continue early voting on April 19, 2018 through April 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in East Baton Rouge Parish at the Motor Vehicle Building, 2250 Main Street, Baker, LA 70714-2529, the Fire Station Building; 11010 Coursey Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9006; and the Louisiana State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Under the authority of La. R.S. 18:401.1(8) and based on the April 19, 2018 certification and recommendation from the Secretary of State that a state of emergency exists, early voting be suspended on April 19, 2018 starting at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 222 St. Louis Street, #201, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860 is suspended and resumes early voting at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall, 222 St. Louis Street, #201, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5860 or until Mayor Sharon Weston

Broome lifts the closure order for City Hall; and continue early voting on April 19, 2018 through April 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in East Baton Rouge Parish at the Motor Vehicle Building, 2250 Main Street, Baker, LA 70714-2529, the Fire Station Building; 11010 Coursey Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9006; and the Louisiana State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

SECTION 2:

This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of April, 2018.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**



SECRETARY OF STATE