

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 118 JBE 2023

### *SPECIAL ELECTION – DISTRICT JUDGE, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DIVISION D, PARISH OF ST. CHARLES*

**WHEREAS,** a vacancy will exist in the office of District Judge, 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Division D, Parish of St. Charles, due to the resignation of the Honorable M. “Lauren” Lemmon, effective January 6, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 18:621 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an existing judgeship when more than twelve (12) months of the term remain unexpired, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:621 and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

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

**SECTION 1:** A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Division D, Parish of St. Charles, for the purpose of electing a judge to fill the vacancy in this office.

**SECTION 2:** Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by La. R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2023.

**SECTION 3:** The special election for the unexpired term shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*

**SECTION 4:** The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 14, 2023, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.

**SECTION 5:** The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Division D, Parish of St. Charles, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Kelly Moore", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE