

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 126 JBE 2023

### *SPECIAL ELECTION – JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS, 5<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT, 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT, DIVISION A, PARISHES OF ST. CHARLES AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST*

**WHEREAS,** a vacancy will exist in the office of Judge, Court of Appeals, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Division A, Parishes of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist, due to the resignation of the Honorable Robert Chaisson, effective December 31, 2023; 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 Court of Appeals, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Division A, Parishes of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist, 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 Court of Appeals, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Division A, Parishes of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
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