



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 166 JBE 2023

***SPECIAL ELECTION – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 5A,  
PARISH OF CONCORDIA***

**WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists in the office of the Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 5A, Parish of Concordia, because no one qualified for this office for the October 14, 2023 special primary election; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 18:621 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge 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:

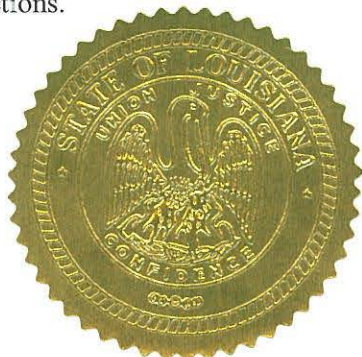
**SECTION 1:** A special primary and general election for the unexpired term shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace District 5A, Parish of Concordia, for the purpose of electing a justice of the peace to fill the vacancy in the office.

**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 Wednesday, December 13, 2023, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 15, 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, March 23, 2024, and the general election shall be held Saturday, April 27, 2024, 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 Justice of the Peace District 5A, Parish of Concordia, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE