



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 19 JML 2026**

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***SPECIAL ELECTION – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WARD 3,  
2<sup>ND</sup> JUST. COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES***

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**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the office of Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Just. Court, Parish of Rapides, due to no individual qualifying for that office in the fall 2026 Congressional election; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 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, JEFF LANDRY**, 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:** A special primary and general election for the unexpired term shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Just. Court, Parish of Rapides, 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 R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 13, 2027 and ending Friday, January 15, 2027.

**Section 3:** The special election 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 April 17, 2027, and the general election shall be held Saturday, May 29, 2027, 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, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, 2nd Just. Court, Parish of Rapides, 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

  
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Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
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Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE