



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2021 JBE 13

***ELECTIONS – RESCHEDULED DUE TO STATEWIDE
STATE OF EMERGENCY CAUSED BY HURRICANE IDA***

- WHEREAS,** the Governor declared a Statewide Emergency via Proclamation Number 165 JBE 2021 on August 26, 2021, in response to the imminent threat of emergency conditions threatening the lives and property of the citizens of the State due to then-Tropical Storm Ida; Tropical Storm Ida became a major hurricane and made landfall in Louisiana on our coast on August 29, 2021, bringing with it devastating winds, widespread power outages, tragic loss of life, and severe damage to Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** the Governor further amended his emergency proclamation regarding the state's response to the impact of Hurricane Ida by issuing additional emergency proclamations: 166 JBE 2021 on August 27, 2021, as well as 170 JBE 2021 on September 6, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** on September 8, 2021, the Secretary of State certified to the Governor that a state of emergency exists that would affect the electoral process, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:401.1;
- WHEREAS,** an election submitting four proposed constitutional amendments to all voters statewide for approval and an election of municipal officers and certain propositions in various parishes is scheduled for October 9, 2021; and the general elections for run-offs for elections for other municipal officers and propositions are scheduled for November 13, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** the in-person or by-mail voter registration deadline is September 8, 2021, and the online electronic voter registration deadline is September 18, 2021 for the October 9, 2021 elections;
- WHEREAS,** the in-person or by-mail voter registration deadline is October 13, 2021, and the online electronic voter registration deadline is October 23, 2021 for the November 13, 2021 elections;
- WHEREAS,** early voting for the October 9, 2021 election is set for September 25, 2021 through October 2, 2021, except for Sunday, September 26, 2021, and early voting for the November 13, 2021 election is set for October 30, 2021 through November 6, 2021, except for Sunday, October 31, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** the deadline for the parish boards of election supervisors to select election day commissioners is September 10, 2021, and the deadline for the parish boards of election supervisors to select parish board commissioners is October 4, 2021 for the October 9, 2021 elections;
- WHEREAS,** nursing home voting begins on September 18, 2021 for the October 9, 2021 elections, and on October 23, 2021 for the November 13, 2021 elections;
- WHEREAS,** the deadline to request absentee by mail ballots for the October 9, 2021 elections is October 5, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, hospitalized, or nursing home voters; the deadline to request absentee by mail ballots for the November 13, 2021 elections is November 9, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, hospitalized, or nursing home voters;
- WHEREAS,** the deadline to return voted absentee by mail ballots for the October 9, 2021 elections is October 8, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, or

hospitalized; the deadline to return voted absentee by mail ballots for the November 13, 2021 elections is November 12, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, or hospitalized;

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin has certified to the Governor that, due to Hurricane Ida's devastation in the state, numerous election issues would make holding the elections currently scheduled for October 9, 2021 and November 13, 2021 impossible and would impair the integrity of the elections, including but not limited to: 1) the location of displaced voters; 2) the displacement of nursing home residents; 3) the lack of and inconsistency of postal service delivery; 4) extensive power outages; 5) damage to and relocation of early voting and election day polling places; 6) damage to the offices of registrars of voters and clerks of court; 7) displaced election commissioners, registrars of voters staff, clerks of court staff, and parish boards of election supervisors members; and 8) the possible inability to publish notices required by law; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency exists and it is necessary to reschedule the October 9, 2021 and November 13, 2021 elections to protect the health and safety of the voters of Louisiana.

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: The following election days and deadlines are hereby rescheduled in light of the severe damage wrought by Hurricane Ida throughout much of the State of Louisiana, and the imminent threat that this storm's aftermath still poses to the residents of our State:

- A. The October 9, 2021 statewide election is hereby rescheduled for November 13, 2021.
- B. The November 13, 2021 election is hereby rescheduled for December 11, 2021.
- C. Early Voting for the elections rescheduled in paragraph A above is hereby rescheduled for October 30, 2021 through November 6, 2021, except for Sunday, October 31, 2021.
- D. Early Voting for the elections rescheduled in paragraph B above is hereby rescheduled for November 27, 2021 through December 4, 2021, except for Sunday, November 28, 2021.
- E. For the elections rescheduled in paragraph A above, the in-person or by-mail voter registration deadline is hereby set for October 13, 2021, and the online electronic voter registration deadline is hereby set for October 23, 2021.
- F. For the election date rescheduled in paragraph B above, the in-person or by-mail voter registration deadline is hereby set for November 10, 2021, and the online electronic voter registration deadline is hereby set for November 20, 2021.
- G. The deadline for the parish boards of election supervisors to select election day commissioners is hereby set for October 15, 2021, and the deadline for the parish boards of election supervisors to select parish board commissioners is hereby set for November 8, 2021, for the October 9, 2021 elections rescheduled to November 13, 2021.
- H. Nursing home voting shall begin on October 23, 2021, for the October 9, 2021 elections rescheduled to November 13, 2021.
- I. Nursing home voting shall begin on November 20, 2021, for the November 13, 2021 elections rescheduled to December 11, 2021.
- J. The deadline to request absentee by mail ballots shall be November 9, 2021, for the October 9, 2021 elections rescheduled to November 13, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, hospitalized, or nursing home voters.
- K. The deadline to request absentee by mail ballots shall be December 7, 2021, for the November 13, 2021 elections rescheduled to December 11, 2021, except for voters

who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, hospitalized, or nursing home voters.

- L. The deadline to return voted absentee by mail ballots shall be November 12, 2021, for the October 9, 2021 elections rescheduled to November 13, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, or hospitalized.
- M. The deadline to return voted absentee by mail ballots shall be December 10, 2021, for the November 13, 2021 elections rescheduled to December 11, 2021, except for voters who are military and overseas, sequestered jurors, or hospitalized.

SECTION 2: The deadline for calling special elections and proposition elections previously set for the October 9, 2021 election and the November 13, 2021 election shall not be extended.

SECTION 3: The Secretary of State shall have the authority to redesignate all time intervals in the electoral process by any delay or suspension, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:401.1(F).

SECTION 4: These elections shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*



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 9th day of September, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE