

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-27

SUSPENSION OF EARLY VOTING IN PLAQUEMINES PARISH

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:401.1 provides a procedure whereby the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, early voting and elections can occur when there is a possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election “in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person’s exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process...”

WHEREAS, early voting for the October 14, 2017 election is scheduled to be conducted at the office of the registrar of voters located at 15577 Highway 15, Pointe a la Hache, Louisiana on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2017, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B), the Secretary of State certified that due to the possibility of extreme weather from Tropical Storm/Hurricane Nate, Plaquemines Parish announced the mandatory evacuation of a portion of Plaquemines Parish, including Point a la Hache, Louisiana, and therefore recommends that early voting on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. be cancelled at this location only.

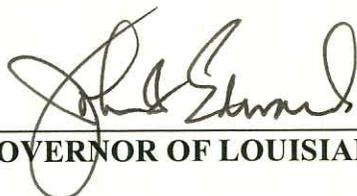
NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Under the authority of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B) and based on the October 6, 2017 certification from the Secretary of State that a state of emergency exists, early voting on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the office of the registrar of voters located at 15577 Highway 15, Pointe a la Hache, Louisiana is cancelled.

SECTION 2: This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at GOHSEP, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of October, 2017.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE