

State of Louisiana



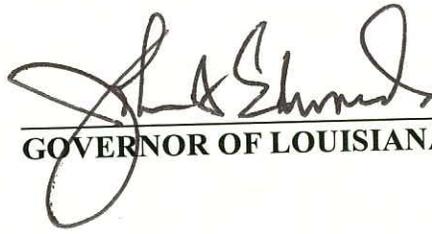
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-28

SUSPENSION OF EARLY VOTING

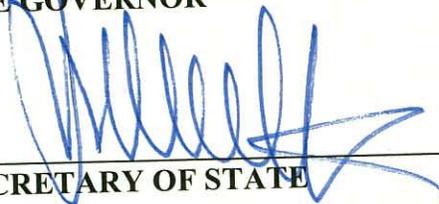
- WHEREAS,** La. R.S. 18:401.1 provides a procedure whereby the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, early voting and elections can occur when there is a possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election “in order 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 in Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany parishes until 6:00 p.m. on October 7, 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 7, 2017, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B), the Secretary of State certified and recommended that due to the possibility of extreme weather from Hurricane Nate, early voting be cancelled at the location at 28028 Highway 23 in Port Sulphur in Plaquemines Parish; and further, that early voting be cancelled at of 3:00 p.m. on October 7, 2017 in the parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany.
- 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 7, 2017 certification and recommendation 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 Plaquemines Parish Government building at 28028 Highway 23 in Port Sulphur, Louisiana is cancelled.
- SECTION 2:** Under the authority of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B) and based on the October 7, 2017 certification and recommendation from the Secretary of State that a state of emergency exists, early voting on Saturday, October 7, 2017 will be cancelled at 3:00 p.m. in the parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany.
- SECTION 3:** 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 7th day of October, 2017.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE