

# State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 186 JBE 2021

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**RECALL ELECTION – PARISH OF WASHINGTON –  
HEATH SPEARS, ALDERMAN, TOWN OF FRANKLINTON**

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- WHEREAS,** pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1300.1, *et seq.*, any public officer, except judges of the courts of record, may be recalled, provided that statutory mandates are met;
- WHEREAS,** a recall petition has been filed with the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Washington seeking the recall of Heath Spears, Alderman, Town of Franklinton;
- WHEREAS,** the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Washington, has reviewed, certified, and forwarded to the Governor the recall petition with certification that the number of names appearing on the petition is nine hundred and twenty-one (921); the number of qualified electors in the voting area whose signatures appear on the petition is seven hundred and thirty-seven (737); and the total number of electors in the voting area as of the date of the filing of the recall petition with the Secretary of State was two thousand, one hundred and sixty-four (2,164);
- WHEREAS,** thirty-three and one-third percent (33⅓ %) of 2164 voters would require at least seven hundred and twenty-two (722) valid signatures on the petition to satisfy the statutory requirements for a recall election for an area with one thousand or more but fewer than twenty-five thousand (1,000-24,999) qualified electors residing in the voting area, as provided in La. R.S. 18:1300.2(B)(3)(b);
- WHEREAS,** the recall petition was signed by at least thirty-three and one-third (33⅓ %) percent of the electors of the voting area, as required by La. R.S. 18:1300.2(B)(3)(b); and
- WHEREAS,** the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1300.7 direct that when the certification of the Registrar of Voters demonstrates the required number of qualified electors of the voting area signed the petition, the Governor shall issue a proclamation ordering an election to be held on the next available date specified in La. R.S. 18:402(F) for the purpose of voting on the question of the recall of said officer.


**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 election shall be held within the Town of Franklinton, Parish of Washington, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether Heath Spears, Alderman, Town of Franklinton, Parish of Washington, shall be recalled.

**SECTION 2:** The officers charged by law with duties in connection with the recall election described in Section 1 shall cause the special election to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, and the returns thereof to be made in the manner and form prescribed by law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE