

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 53 JBE 2021

SPECIAL ELECTION – MAYOR, VILLAGE OF ESTHERWOOD, PARISH OF ACADIA

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of the Mayor, Village of Estherwood, Parish of Acadia, due to the passing of the Honorable Donald “Don” Popp on December 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:585 and 18:602 authorize the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office of a member of a parish or municipal governing authority when there is a failure of any candidate to properly qualify for an election, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:602 and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

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 primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Village of Estherwood, Parish of Acadia, for the purpose of electing a mayor to fill the vacancy in this 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 La. R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, La. R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, July 14, 2021, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2021.

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, October 9, 2021, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 13, 2021, 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 Village of Estherwood, Parish of Acadia, 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 Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 11th day of March, 2021.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**


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