



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 27 JML 2025

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***SPECIAL ELECTION – DISTRICT JUDGE, 9<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT, ELECTION SECTION 2, DIVISION E,  
PARISH OF RAPIDES***

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**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the office of District Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Election Section 2, Division E, Parish of Rapides, due to the resignation of the Honorable Patricia Koch, effective October 15, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 18:621 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an existing judgeship when more than twelve (12) months of the term remain unexpired, in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:621 and/or the dates for elections set forth in La. R.S. 18:402.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, 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: A special primary and general election for the unexpired term shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of District Judge, 9th Judicial District Court, Election Section 2, Division E, Parish of Rapides, for the purpose of electing a judge to fill the vacancy in the 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 R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, July 9, 2025 and ending Friday, July 11, 2025.

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 11, 2025, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 15, 2025, 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 District Judge, 9th Judicial District Court, Election Section 2, Division E, Parish of Rapides, 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 the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry", is written over a horizontal line.

**Jeff Landry**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**Nancy Landry**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**