



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 53 JML 2025

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***SPECIAL ELECTION – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUSTICE OF  
THE PEACE DISTRICT 1, PARISH OF ST. JAMES***

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**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the office of Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 1, Parish of St. James, due to the resignation of the Honorable Mary Rodrigue Walker, effective November 1, 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 Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 1, Parish of St. James, for the purpose of electing a justice of the peace 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, January 14, 2026 and ending Friday, January 16, 2026.

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, April 18, 2026, and the general election shall be held Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.

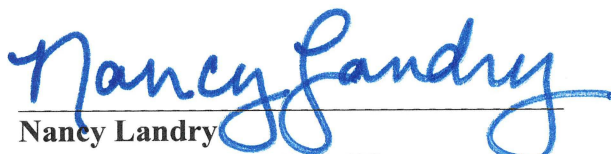
Section 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 1, Parish of St. James, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

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

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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