State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 104 JBE 2016

SPECIAL ELECTION – JUDGE – COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH CIRCUIT, FIRST DISTRICT, DIVISION C

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, First District, Division C, due to the retirement of Dennis R. Bagneris, Sr., whose notice was received by the Secretary of State on or about July 25, 2016 with an effective date of March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 18:621 authorizes 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, 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 Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, First District, Division C, for the purpose of electing a judge to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate 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 January 11, 2017, and ending at 4:30 p.m. January 13, 2017.

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 on March 25, 2017, and the general election shall be held on April 29, 2017, 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 Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, First District, Division C, 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 4th day of August, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE