

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 46 JBE 2016

SPECIAL ELECTION - JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - PARISH OF DeSOTO

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 4, Parish of DeSoto, due to the death of Wilbur Theodore Purvis, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:621(A) mandates that the Governor 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(A)(3) 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 general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace District 4, Parish of DeSoto, 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 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 July 20, 2016, and ending at 4:30 p.m. July 22, 2016.

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 November 8, 2016, and the general election shall be held on December 10, 2016, 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 Justice of the Peace District 4, Parish of DeSoto, 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 13th day of April, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

SECRETARY OF STATE