

# State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2023-5

## SUSPENSION OF ELECTION QUALIFYING

**WHEREAS,** La. R.S. 18:401.1 provides a procedure whereby the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, early voting and elections can occur when there is a possibility of an emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a regularly scheduled or special election “in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person’s exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process...”;

**WHEREAS,** qualifying for the March 25, 2023 primary election is scheduled to be held Wednesday, January 25, 2023 through Friday, January 27, 2023 in the Parish of Iberville; and

**WHEREAS,** on January 25, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B), the Secretary of State certified to the Governor that a state of emergency exists in the Parish of Iberville due to a thunderstorm that occurred on January 24, 2023, resulting in a widespread power outage affecting the courthouse, and recommended suspend qualifying in the Parish of Iberville on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 and to conduct qualifying from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023; Friday, January 27, 2023; and Monday, January 30, 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** 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:** Under the authority of La. R.S. 18:401.1(B) and based on the January 25, 2023 certification from the Secretary of State that a state of emergency exists in the Parish of Iberville due to a thunderstorm that occurred on January 24, 2023, resulting in a widespread power outage affecting the courthouse and qualifying in the Parish of Iberville on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 is suspended and to conduct qualifying from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023; Friday, January 27, 2023; and Monday, January 30, 2023.

**SECTION 2:** This order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded.



**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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Handwritten signature of John Bel Edwards in black ink.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of R. Kelly Moore in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE