



ORLEANS PARISH

What's on the Ballot?

**U.S. Senate General
Open U.S. Representative Primary
& Open Primary**

**Tuesday,
November 3, 2026**

Polls are open from 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

The Fall 2026 ballot will give you the opportunity to vote on a US Senator, US Representatives, PSC, Regional, and Local races. Check for your full sample ballot at pcej.org/SampleBallots closer to the election. The Power Coalition has put together this primer to help you prepare to geaux vote this election season. Make your voice heard and your power felt at the polls.

**An Early Vote is a
Powerful Vote**

TUESDAY-TUESDAY

October 20-27

(excluding Sunday) 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST

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EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS



➔ City Hall

1300 Perdido Street, #1W24
New Orleans, LA 70112-2127
504-658-8300

➔ Algiers Courthouse

225 Morgan Street Room #105
New Orleans, LA 70114
504-658-8323

➔ * Voting Machine Warehouse

8870 Chef Menteur Hwy
New Orleans, LA 70127
504-658-8300

➔ * Lake Vista Community Center

6500 Spanish Fort Blvd,
2nd Floor Meeting Room
New Orleans, LA 70124
504-658-8300

Vote by Mail

If you are planning to Vote By Mail (VBM), we recommend you do so as early as possible to make sure your vote is counted.

Are you Eligible?

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**Request a Vote by Mail
Ballot by October 30**

Return Your Ballot



Mail by



**To Get A
Postmark By**



**If You Need A Same Day Postmark:
Go to the USPS Counter & Request a
Manual Postmark**

Federal Government

U. S. Senator

- ☐ Jamie Davis – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Julia Letlow – Republican, White, Female

The Senate is part of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government that makes laws. The Senate has 100 members, 2 from each state, who are elected to serve for a term of 6 years. Senators must be 30 years of age, U.S. citizens for at least nine years, and residents of the state they represent. The Senate votes on bills, resolutions, motions, amendments, nominations, and treaties in a variety of ways. The Vice President of the United States serves as President of the Senate and may cast the decisive vote in the event of a tie in the Senate. The Senate also tries impeachment cases for federal officials referred to it by the House.

U. S. Representatives

1st & 2nd Congressional Districts

The House of Representatives is part of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government that makes laws, also referred to as a congressman or congresswoman, each U.S. representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district.

Representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments and serve on committees. The House has several powers assigned exclusively to it, including the power to initiate revenue bills, impeach federal officials, and elect the President in the case of an electoral college tie. The House of Representatives is made up of 435 elected members, divided among the 50 states in proportion to their total population. In addition, there are 6 non-voting members, representing the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and four other territories of the United States. The presiding officer of the chamber is the Speaker of the House, elected by the Representatives. This person is third in the line of succession to the Presidency.

State Government

Public Service Commission, District 1

- ☐ Stephanie Hilferty – Republican, White, Female
- ☐ Christopher “Chris” Justin – No Party, Asian, Male
- ☐ Connie Norris – Democrat, Black, Female

The Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) is an independent regulatory agency dedicated to serving the public interest by assuring safe, reliable, and reasonably priced service from public utilities and motor carriers. The LPSC consists of five elected Commissioners who serve overlapping terms of six years.

Responsibilities: The goals of the Commission are to ensure a regulatory balance that enables utilities to provide customers with safe, adequate and reliable service, at rates that are just and reasonable, equitable and economically efficient. The LPSC also takes an active and cautious role in the development of a competitive, market-based approach to utility regulation.

BESE District 1

- ☐ Joseph Cao – Republican, Asian, Male
- ☐ Angela Hershey – Democrat, Female

BESE is made up of 11 members, eight are elected from the BESE districts, and the other three are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.

Responsibilities: BESE has the responsibility for governing all Louisiana elementary and secondary schools; special schools for the deaf, blind, and physically handicapped; and educational units within the state's correctional institutions and mental facilities.

BESE has the authority to create policies that govern the statewide operations of public and non-public schools, to administer the budget for educational programs and services at those schools, and to conduct administrative hearings to resolve any conflict concerning its policies and actions. Some of the many specifically defined duties assigned to this board by law include approval of certification requirements, policies for assessment and evaluation of teachers, administrators and students, approval of textbooks, and administering the state's charter school program.

Legal System

District Attorney Criminal District Court

As the chief prosecutor for a judicial district (sometimes a single parish, sometimes covering multiple parishes), DAs largely shape how your parish's criminal legal system is operated. Your vote for DA can reshape the criminal legal system in your parish and in Louisiana.

Responsibilities: DAs have the power to choose which charges are filed against an individual accused of a crime, divert the accused to a program, or dismiss the case altogether. The DA also has the power to identify and tackle racial disparities within the criminal legal system.

BECOME A

- 1** Vote in every election
- 2** Hold your elected officials accountable
- 3** Stand in Power



Courts

Judge, Court of Appeal 4th Circuit

1st District, Division D

There are five Circuit Courts of Appeal, each covering a different group of parishes. The Courts of Appeal have appellate jurisdiction over all civil matters, all matters appealed from family and juvenile courts, and most criminal cases that are triable by a jury.

Judge, Civil District Court

Divisions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, L, M, N
Domestic Section 1 & 2

Judge, Criminal District Court

Section B, C, D, F, G, H, I, K, L

District court judges make important decisions in civil and criminal cases (mainly felonies and property-related matters) that impact not only the parties who appear in court for specific cases, but also the community at large. They also handle appeals of criminal cases tried by city, municipal, and traffic courts (with a few exceptions).

Magistrate, Criminal District Court

Magistrate Section

Magistrate Judges are the first judges you see, and they determine how your case moves forward. They also often conduct mediations, resolve discovery disputes, and decide a variety of motions. They determine whether criminal defendants will be detained or released on a bond, and may appoint counsel for defendants.

Judge, Juvenile Court

Sections A, C, E, & F

Juvenile Court hears juvenile delinquency cases, and cases when children are ungovernable, truant or runaways. They also handle what are known as Child in Need of Care cases, which result when a child has been abused, neglected, or abandoned.

Constable, 1st City Court

The role of the constable is to preserve the public peace, execute the process in City Courts and Justice of Peace Courts, and discharge other functions assigned by law. They serve warrants and summonses, collect garnishments, and process evictions and other matters pertaining to the court.

Local Propositions

Parishwide Home Rule Charter Amendment Proposition

This measure asks New Orleans voters to amend the City Charter to tighten budget controls—barring fund transfers or expenditures that would exceed a department's appropriated budget without a formal amendment, requiring monthly spending reports to the City Council, and blocking approval of purchases that would cause a budget category to go over its appropriated amount.

Neighborhood Improvement Districts

Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District
Lake Oaks Subdivision Improvement District
Lake Willow Subdivision Improvement District
Lakewood East Sec. and Neighborhood Improvement District
Kenilworth Improvement District

A New Orleans Neighborhood Improvement District

is a small entity for a single neighborhood, run by a resident board, that charges a voter-approved annual parcel fee to fund things like extra law enforcement presence and neighborhood beautification.



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Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot

Removing Payment Order Requirement for State Retirement System Unfunded Liability Amendment

Let the state apply surplus funds toward paying down retirement-system debt.

Prohibit Post-Conviction Bail for Individuals Convicted of Assault Against Minors Amendment

Ban post-conviction bail for aggravated offenses against minor victims.

Prohibit Property Expropriation by Foreign Adversaries Amendment

Prohibit expropriation of property by foreign adversaries or their agents, as defined by law.

Tax Exemption for Rehabilitated Property Amendment

Authorize a property tax exemption for rehabilitated derelict or blighted property.

Gubernatorial Two-Term Lifetime Limit Amendment

Change the gubernatorial term limit from two consecutive terms to a lifetime maximum of two terms.

Property Tax Exemption for Seniors Amendment

Authorize a property tax exemption of up to \$30,000 in assessed value, increasing with age, for eligible homeowners 65 and older.

Property Tax Rate Limits Based on Existing Voter-Approved Maximums Amendment

Allow taxing authorities to levy property tax rates above the previous year's rate but below the constitutional maximum approved by voters.

One-Time Transfer of Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses Amendment

Allow the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to transfer the homestead property tax exemption one time to a new homestead.

Use Public Funds for Drinking Water Utility Service Lines Amendment

Allow public funds to be used to maintain drinking water service lines affected by hazardous materials on customer-owned property.

Raise Income Limit to \$150,000 for Special Property Tax Assessment Amendment

Increase the income limit for the special property tax assessment from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Note: SB 107 (Act 243) sets April 17, 2027 as a backup statewide election date for any amendment that needs it.



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