



EARLY VOTING October 20-27

Polls Open 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM CST
(excluding Sundays)

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY November 3, 2026

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

Register to Vote

Last day in
person or by
mail:

Oct. 5

Last day
online:

Oct. 13



pcej.org/Vote



Vote by Mail

PowerCoalition.org/Vote

NOTE: If you are planning to vote by mail, we recommend you do so as soon as possible to make sure your vote is counted. **If you are mailing your ballot, be sure to mail by October 30 in order to have it postmarked by election day.**

REQUEST
a Vote by Mail
Ballot:

Oct. 30

by 4:30 PM

RETURN
a Completed
Vote by Mail Ballot:

Nov. 2

by 4:30 PM

This sample ballot displays every election taking place in the Parish. Actual ballots may vary by precinct or district. Scan the QR code to confirm your specific ballot on the Secretary of State's website.



ORLEANS PARISH SAMPLE BALLOT

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

U.S. Senate General

The Senate is part of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government that makes laws. The Senate votes on bills, resolutions, motions, amendments, nominations, and treaties in a variety of ways. The Senate also tries impeachment cases for federal officials referred to it by the House.

U. S. Senator

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

U.S. Representative Open Primary

The House of Representatives is part of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government that makes laws. 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.

U. S. Representative, 1st Congressional District

- ☐ Randall Arrington – Republican, White, Male
- ☐ E. 'Liddy' Glass – No Party, Other, Female
- ☐ Lauren Jewett – Democrat, White, Female
- ☐ Steve Scalise – Republican, White, Male

U. S. Representative, 2nd Congressional District

- ☐ Lisa Ballay – Libertarian, White, Female
- ☐ Walter 'Rocky' Beach – No Party, Other, Male
- ☐ Troy A. Carter, Sr. – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Renada 'Honey' Collins – No Party, Other, Female
- ☐ Peter Williams – Republican, Black, Male

PSC General

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.

PSC District 1

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

BESE Runoff

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.

BESE District 1

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

Open Primary

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).

Judge, Civil District Court, Division L

- ☐ Warren McKenna III – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Candace N. Newell – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division M

- ☐ Stephanie Bridges – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Shawn Lindsay – Democrat, Black, Male

Judge, Civil District Court, Domestic Section 1

- ☐ Michael ‘Mike’ Hall – Democrat, Black, Male
- ☐ Marie Williams – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section D

- ☐ Kimya Holmes – Democrat, Black, Female
- ☐ Simone Levine – Democrat, White, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section H

- ☐ Camille Buras – Democrat, White, Female
- ☐ Leon Roché – Democrat, Black, Male

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.

Magistrate, Magistrate Section, Criminal District Court

- ☐ Chanel Robinson Debose – Democrat, Black, Female
☐ Juana Marine Lombard – Democrat, Black, Female

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.

Constable, 1st City Court

- ☐ Kristi Boissiere August – Democrat, Black, Female
☐ Willie Jones – Democrat, Black, Male

Unopposed Races

Associate Justice, Supreme Court, 1st Supreme Court District

William 'Billy' Burris – Republican, White, Male

Judge, Court of Appeal 4th Circuit, 1st District, Division D

Rachael Johnson – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division A

Ellen M. Hazeur – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division B

Marissa Hutabarat – Democrat, Other, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division C

Tiffany Delery – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division D

Monique Barial – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division E

Omar Mason – Democrat, Black, Male

Judge, Civil District Court, Division F

Jennifer Medley – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division G

Veronica Henry – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division I

Lori Jupiter – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division J

D. Nicole Sheppard – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Division N

Sheryl Howard – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Civil District Court, Domestic Section 2

Lakeisha Jefferson – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section B

Tracey Flemings-Davillier – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section C

Benedict 'Ben' Willard – Democrat, Black, Male

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section F

Robin D. Pittman – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section G

Nandi Campbell – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section I

Rhonda Goode-Douglas – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K

Marcus DeLarge – Democrat, Black, Male

Judge, Criminal District Court, Section L

Angel Harris – Democrat, Black, Female

District Attorney, Criminal District Court

Jason Rogers Williams – Democrat, Black, Male

Judge, Juvenile Court, Section A

Clinton 'Clint' Smith – Democrat, Black, Male

Judge, Juvenile Court, Section C

Candice Bates Anderson – Democrat, Black, Female

Judge, Juvenile Court, Section E

Desiree Cook Calvin – Democrat, Black, Female

Local Propositions

U.S. Senate General,
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Kenilworth Improvement District Proposition

Shall the City of New Orleans levy an annual fee on each parcel located within the Kenilworth Improvement District ("District"), as delineated by La. R.S. 33:9078(C), in the amount of \$225, for eight years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2034, which is estimated to generate \$143,500 annually, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, and enhancing the security, beautification, and overall betterment of the District, except a 1% City collection fee, and if used for additional law enforcement or security personnel and their services, such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu those provided by the New Orleans Police Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District Proposition

Shall the City of New Orleans levy an annual flat fee on each improved parcel within the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District ("District"), as delineated by La. R.S. 33:9080(B), in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars, for eight years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2034, which is estimated to generate \$98,000 annually, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the District, except a 1% City collection fee, and if used for additional law enforcement or security personnel and their services, such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided by the New Orleans Police Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Lake Willow Subdivision Improvement District Proposition

Shall the City of New Orleans levy a flat annual fee on each parcel located within the Lake Willow Subdivision Improvement District ("District"), as delineated by La. R.S. 33:9073(B), in the amount of \$300, for three years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029, which is estimated to generate \$51,400 annually, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the District, except for a 1% City collection fee, and provided that, if used to fund additional law enforcement or security personnel and services, such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of those provided by the New Orleans Police Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Lake Oaks Subdivision Improvement District Proposition

Shall the City of New Orleans levy an annual parcel fee on all taxable real property within the Lake Oaks Subdivision Improvement District ("District"), as delineated by La. R.S. 33:9075(B), in an amount not to exceed eight hundred dollars, with the precise amount as authorized by duly adopted resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the District, currently specified as five hundred dollars and estimated to generate \$137,500 annually, for four years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the District, except a 1% City collection fee, and if used for additional law enforcement or security personnel and their services, such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided by the New Orleans Police Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Lakewood East Security and Neighborhood Improvement District Proposition

Shall the City of New Orleans levy a flat annual fee on each parcel located within the Lakewood East Security and Neighborhood Improvement District ("District"), as delineated by 33:9080.3(B), in the amount of \$300, for eight years, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2034, which is estimated to generate \$27,600 annually, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the District, except for a 1% City collection fee, and provided that, if used to fund additional law enforcement or security personnel and services, such personnel and services shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of those provided by the New Orleans Police Department?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Local Propositions*U.S. Senate General,
Open U.S. Representative Primary, & Open Primary***Parishwide Home Rule Charter
Amendment Proposition**

Shall Section 6-103 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans be amended (i) to prohibit allotments, reallotments, or transfers of budgeted operating funds that will cause, or that are reasonably anticipated to cause, expenditures from any funding category for any department to exceed the amount appropriated for that fiscal year, unless an amendment to the operating budget ordinance reflecting the increase has been adopted and approved, (ii) to require monthly reports to the City Council regarding expenditures to assess whether spending remains in line with the approved budget, and (iii) to prohibit the approval of any requisition, purchase order, voucher or check that would cause, or that is reasonably anticipated to cause, any category of expenditures in the approved annual operating budget to exceed the appropriated amount for that fiscal year, all as more fully described in Ord. No. 30553, M.C.S.?

☐ Yes☐ No

Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment 1 Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

Do you support an amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran with a service-connected disability, who receives the additional property tax exemption, to make a one-time transfer of the additional property tax exemption to a subsequent qualifying property? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 21(K)(1))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ A surviving spouse of a disabled veteran can transfer an existing additional property tax exemption to one new qualifying home after moving.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ The additional tax exemption stays with the original property and cannot be transferred to a new home.
- ➔ **Why NO:** We support veterans and their families, but we do not need another special tax exception written into the state constitution.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Surviving spouses of disabled veterans
- ➔ Local governments.

Potential Impact

Eligible surviving spouses would have **greater flexibility to move** without losing their property tax benefit. Local governments may collect slightly less property tax revenue from qualifying properties.

Proposed Amendment 2 Local Property Tax Rates (Millages)

Do you support an amendment to allow a local taxing authority to continue to levy a lower millage rate without losing its ability to adjust to the maximum authorized millage rate from a prior year's reassessment? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 23(C))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Local governments can temporarily lower property tax rates and later restore them to their previously authorized maximum without voter approval.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Current law remains. A government that lowers its millage may lose some ability to return to the previous maximum rate.
- ➔ **Why NO:** It **would** make it easier for property tax rates to go back up. Keep the current rules in place.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Homeowners
- ➔ Businesses
- ➔ Local governments
- ➔ Taxpayers

Potential Impact

Gives local governments **more flexibility in managing tax rates**. Supporters say it allows temporary tax relief without permanently reducing future revenue options. Critics say it could make future property tax increases easier.

Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment 3 Post-Conviction Bail for Crimes Against Children

Do you support an amendment to prohibit a defendant from being released on any post-conviction bail if the defendant is convicted of an aggravated offense against a minor child? (Adds Article I, Section 18(C))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ A person convicted of certain aggravated crimes against a minor cannot be released on bail while appealing the conviction.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Judges continue to follow existing laws when deciding whether someone may be released on bail after conviction.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Judges should be able to look at each case. Our justice system makes mistakes, and appeals are an important part of due process.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Defendants
- ➔ Crime victims
- ➔ Courts
- ➔ Law enforcement

Potential Impact

People convicted of these offenses would remain in custody during the appeals process. Supporters say this increases public safety. Critics may argue it limits judicial discretion before appeals are complete.

Proposed Amendment 4 Governor Term Limits

Do you support an amendment to prohibit a person who has served more than one and one-half terms as governor from being elected as governor for any future term? (Amends Article IV, Section 3(B))

☐ Yes ☒ NO

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Anyone who has served more than one and one-half terms as governor could never run for governor again.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Current constitutional term-limit rules stay in place—two terms consecutively, but can serve an unlimited amount of terms as long as they are not consecutive.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Let the voters decide who they want to elect.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Future Governors
- ➔ Voters

Potential Impact

Creates a lifetime limit for governors who exceed one and one-half terms, increasing leadership turnover while limiting future voter choices.

Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment 5 State Retirement Debt

Do you support an amendment to authorize a state retirement system to apply any nonrecurring state monies it receives to any of its unfunded accrued liability rather than requiring application to its oldest unfunded accrued liability? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(b)(iii))

☐ Yes ☒ **NO**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ State retirement systems can decide which unfunded pension debt to pay first when receiving extra one-time state money.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Retirement systems must continue paying their oldest debt first.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Keep a clear and predictable rule for paying retirement debt.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ State retirement systems
- ➔ Retirees
- ➔ Taxpayers

Potential Impact

Gives retirement systems more flexibility in managing pension debt. Supporters say it allows smarter financial planning; critics may prefer keeping the current repayment rules.

Proposed Amendment 6 Additional Property Tax Exemption for Seniors

Do you support an amendment to authorize parishes and municipalities to extend an additional property tax exemption for property subject to the homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a person who is at least sixty-five years of age and who qualifies for the special assessment level? (Effective January 1, 2028) (Adds Article VII, Section 21(P))

☐ Yes ☒ **NO**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Local governments may choose to offer an additional property tax exemption to qualifying homeowners age 65 and older.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Local governments cannot offer this new exemption.
- ➔ **Why NO:** More property tax exemptions will mean **less** money for our schools and local services.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Senior homeowners
- ➔ Local governments
- ➔ Taxpayers

Potential Impact

Eligible seniors could pay less in property taxes if their parish or municipality adopts the exemption. Local governments choosing to offer it may collect less tax revenue.

Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment 7 Drinking Water Service Lines

Do you support an amendment to allow for the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers? (Amends Article VII, Section 14)

☒ **YES** ☐ **No**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Public funds can be used to identify, remove, and replace hazardous drinking water service lines—even on private property.
- ➔ **Why YES:** Get dangerous pipes out of our communities and protect families from unsafe drinking water. The federal government has over \$150 million available to fix dangerous lead pipes, but it can only be used if this amendment passes.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ Public funds can continue to be used on public water infrastructure, but cannot be used to remove or replace hazardous service lines on private property.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Homeowners
- ➔ Renters
- ➔ Water Utilities
- ➔ Local Governments

Potential Impact

Could speed up the replacement of lead and other hazardous water pipes, improving drinking water safety. May require additional public spending for infrastructure improvements.

Proposed Amendment 8 Property and Foreign Adversaries

Do you support an amendment to prohibit expropriation of property by a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary? (Amends Article I, Section 4(B)(4))

☐ **Yes** ☒ **NO**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ A company owned, controlled, or directed by a foreign adversary, (even partially, or without majority ownership) could not use Louisiana's private expropriation laws to force the sale of someone's property.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ No new constitutional prohibition would be added.
- ➔ **Why NO:** We don't need to change the constitution for something that can be handled through regular state law.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Property owners
- ➔ Government Entities

Potential Impact

Adds a constitutional restriction related to property rights and foreign adversaries. Because expropriation by foreign adversaries is uncommon, the practical impact may be limited unless such situations arise.

Constitutional Amendments

Proposed Amendment 9

Income Limit for Senior Property Tax Assessment Freeze

Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(iii))

☐ Yes ☒ **NO**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Raises the income limit from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for seniors to qualify for Louisiana's special assessment level, which keeps property taxes from increasing because of higher property values.

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ The current income limit stays at \$100,000.
- ➔ **Why NO:** Expanding property tax breaks will mean less money for schools and local services.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Senior homeowners
- ➔ Local Governments

Potential Impact

More older homeowners may qualify for property tax protection, making it easier to remain in their homes as property values rise. Local governments could collect less property tax revenue from eligible properties.

Proposed Amendment 10

Tax Exemptions for Rehabilitated Blighted Properties

Do you support an amendment to allow property tax exemptions for blighted or derelict properties that have been rehabilitated, and to require the legislature to enact laws providing for administration of these exemptions? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Adds Article VII, Section 21(P))

☐ Yes ☒ **NO**

What a YES Vote Means

- ➔ Creates an optional property tax exemption for rehabilitated blighted or derelict property, with the Legislature required to define eligible property, set the exemption's length, and establish rules for local governments to administer it

What a NO Vote Means

- ➔ The Legislature would not be constitutionally required to do this
- ➔ **Why NO:** Voters should know who gets the tax break, how it works, and how long it lasts before putting it in the constitution.

Who is Affected?

- ➔ Property owners
- ➔ Developers
- ➔ Neighborhoods
- ➔ Local Governments

Potential Impact

May encourage investment in abandoned or deteriorating properties, helping revitalize neighborhoods. Local governments could receive less property tax revenue from qualifying properties during the exemption period.