

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATION NUMBER 2 JBE 2021

SPECIAL ELECTION – U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, due to the tragic and untimely death of Luke Joshua Letlow on December 29, 2020, a vacancy exists in the office of United States Representative, 5th Congressional District of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Const., Art. I, §2 and La. R.S. 18:1279 require the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of a member of the United States House of Representatives and to determine the dates on which the election will be held and the dates of the qualifying period for the election.

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 Louisiana's Fifth Congressional District, for the purpose of electing a member of the United States House of Representatives to fill the vacancy in this office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office 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 Wednesday, January 20, 2021, and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021.

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 Saturday, March 20, 2021, and the general election shall be held Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the times and places and in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Boards of Election Supervisors, Clerks of Court, Registrars of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdictions encompassed by the Fifth Congressional District of the State of Louisiana, 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 in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of January, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE