



# ✓ GEAUX VOTE

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Early Voting:** May 2 – 9 (excluding Sunday, May 3)

**Election Day:** Saturday, May 16

**Early voting hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Lafayette Parish Early Voting Locations:**

- Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters (Lafayette) – 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite 313
- Martin Luther King Recreational Center (Lafayette) – 309 Cora Street
- East Regional Library (Youngsville) – 215 La Neuville Road

**Election day hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Your registered polling location

[\[search here\]](#)

**Deadline to request absentee ballot:**

May 12 [\[request online here\]](#)

## ABOUT THE NEW CLOSED PARTY PRIMARY

Beginning in 2026, Louisiana is using a closed party primary system for congressional and certain state races. The winners of each party’s primary will advance to the general election on November 3, 2026.

- Registered Democrats vote in the Democratic primary.
- Registered Republicans vote in the Republican primary.
- Voters registered as No Party may choose one party’s primary.
- Voters registered with other parties are not eligible to vote in the closed party primaries. They may participate in the November 3 general election.

*For full details, see PAR’s “Closed Party Primary: A Guide for Voters” at [parlouisiana.org](http://parlouisiana.org).*

## Federal Races on Your Ballot

All voters statewide will see the U.S. Senate race. U.S. House races have been suspended — while these races may still appear on your ballot, any votes cast will not be counted. Visit [OneAcadiana.org/Elections](http://OneAcadiana.org/Elections) for updates.

### U.S. Senator

#### Republican Primary

"Bill" Cassidy	Republican
John Fleming	Republican
Julia Letlow	Republican
Mark Spencer	Republican

#### Democratic Primary

Nicholas “Nick” Albares	Democrat
Gary Crockett	Democrat
“Jamie” Davis	Democrat

# Statewide Constitutional Amendments

## Constitutional Amendment No. 1 State Civil Service (Unclassified Positions)

**Official ballot question:** “Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to remove or add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified state civil service?”



### A VOTE FOR WOULD

Allow the legislature to add positions to the unclassified state civil service by law, and require that any removal of those positions also go through the legislature.



### A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Maintain the current system, in which the Civil Service Commission can add and revoke unclassified positions by rule.

## Constitutional Amendment No. 2 St. George Community School System (East Baton Rouge Parish)

**Official ballot question:** “Do you support an amendment to grant the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools?”



### A VOTE FOR WOULD

Grant the St. George community school system the same authority as a parish school system, allowing it to receive its own share of state education funding and raise local revenues for schools.



### A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Maintain the current system, in which St. George schools remain part of the East Baton Rouge Parish school system and do not have independent authority for funding or raising local revenues.

## Constitutional Amendment No. 3 Teacher & Support Staff Pay Raises (TRSL Funds)

**1A SUPPORTS THIS AMENDMENT**

**Official ballot question:** “Do you support an amendment to fund a \$2,250 teacher pay raise and \$1,125 support staff pay raise by utilizing the remaining savings from paying down the debt of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana with monies from certain constitutional funds?”



### A VOTE FOR WOULD

Eliminate certain state education trust funds and use those funds to pay down teacher retirement debt, with the resulting savings required to fund permanent pay raises of \$2,250 for teachers and \$1,125 for support staff.



### A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Maintain the current system, in which those education trust funds remain in place and are not used to pay down retirement debt or fund required pay raises.



# Statewide Constitutional Amendments (Continued)

## Constitutional Amendment No. 4

### Local Option to Exempt Business Inventory Tax

1A SUPPORTS THIS AMENDMENT

**Official ballot question:** “Do you support an amendment to allow a parish to reduce or exempt property tax on property held as business inventory and to provide for the classification of Public Service Property?”



#### A VOTE FOR WOULD

Allow parishes, with approval from local taxing authorities, to reduce or eliminate property taxes on business inventory, provide a one-time state payment to parishes that fully exempt the tax, and create a separate property tax classification for railroad-owned public service property.



#### A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Maintain the current system, in which business inventory is subject to ad valorem taxation and parishes do not have the option to exempt it.

## Constitutional Amendment No. 5

### Judicial Mandatory Retirement Age (70 → 75)

**Official ballot question:** “Do you support an amendment to change the mandatory retirement age for judges from seventy to seventy-five, provided that a judge may continue to serve to complete a term of office?”



#### A VOTE FOR WOULD

Raise the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75, allowing judges to serve longer and complete their term if they reach that age while in office.



#### A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Maintain the current system, in which judges must retire at age 70 but may complete their term if they reach that age while in office.

*Full analysis on the proposed Constitutional Amendments is available through PAR's annual "Guide to the Constitutional Amendments" at [parlouisiana.org](http://parlouisiana.org).*

## Lafayette Parish Ballot Items

### Parishwide Proposition – Lafayette Public Library Tax Renewal

**Official ballot question:** “Shall the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana (the ‘Parish’), continue to levy a special tax of 3.12 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$8,894,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of the maintenance and support of the public library of Lafayette Parish and its branches, said millage to represent a 0.21 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 2.91 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on November 8, 2016?”



#### A VOTE FOR WOULD

Renew the existing 3.12-mill property tax that funds operations, maintenance, and personnel of the Lafayette Public Library system for 10 years. The 0.21 mill increase reflects a reappraisal adjustment to maintain the same level of revenue.



#### A VOTE AGAINST WOULD

Eliminate the existing property tax, which generates approximately \$8.9 million annually and represents about 65% of the library system's annual revenue.



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