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FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Fifty-fourth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, October 27, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 9:05 A.M.,
by the Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of
Representatives.

Morning Hour

ROLL CALL

The roll being called, the following members answered to their
names:

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McFarland
Adams	Egan	McMahan
Bacala	Emerson	McMakin
Bagley	Farnum	Melerine
Bamburg	Firment	Mena
Bayham	Fisher	Miller
Beaullieu	Fontenot	Moore
Berault	Freiberg	Muscarello
Billings	Gadberry	Newell
Bourriaque	Galle	Orgeron
Boyd	Geymann	Owen
Boyer	Glorioso	Phelps
Brass	Hebert	Riser
Braud	Henry	Romero
Brown	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Hughes	Spell
Carlson	Illg	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Jackson	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carter, W.	Jordan	Thomas
Carver	Kerner	Thompson
Chassion	Knox	Turner
Chenevert	LaCombe	Ventrella
Coates	LaFleur	Villio
Cox	Landry, J.	Walters
Crews	Landry, M.	Wilder
Davis	Landry, T.	Wiley
Deshotel	Larvadain	Willard
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Young

Echols
Total - 101

McCormick

The Speaker announced that there were 101 members present
and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Bagley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep. Gadberry led the House in reciting the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Journal

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the reading of the Journal was
dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the Journal of October 24, 2025, was
adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and
Communications**

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were
received and read:

Message from the Senate

SENATE BILLS

October 25, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of
Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has
finally passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill Nos. 1 and 2

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
on First Reading**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading
were taken up, read, and, under a suspension of the rules, referred to
committees, as follows:

**SENATE BILL NO. 1—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT**

To enact Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised
Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:419.1 and 419.2,
relative to the conduct of elections in 2026; to provide for dates
for spring elections in 2026; to provide for qualifying spring
elections in 2026; to provide for nominating petitions for spring
elections in 2026; to provide for election campaign finance
disclosure filing deadlines for 2026; to provide certain
authorizations to the secretary of state; to provide for
effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on
House and Governmental Affairs.

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SENATE BILL NO. 2—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 8 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 2 of Act No. 223 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Act No. 212 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to designating the statewide election for submitting proposed constitutional amendments contained in joint resolutions concurred in during the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature to the electors of the state; to provide for a special statewide election to be held on May 16, 2026, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; to change the date on which the proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

House and House Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To adopt Joint Rule No. 21(K) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for time limitations for the consideration of certain redistricting plans.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred to committees were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN
AN ACT

To enact Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:419, relative to the legislative redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle; to provide for information contained on the website; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committee

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AND SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To enact Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:419.1 and 419.2, relative to the conduct of elections in 2026; to provide for dates for spring elections in 2026; to provide for qualifying for spring elections in 2026; to provide for nominating petitions for spring elections in 2026; to provide for election campaign finance disclosure filing deadlines for 2026; to provide certain authorizations to the secretary of state; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to Original House Bill No. 1 by Representative Beaulieu

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, between lines 2 and 3 insert the following:

"Section 2. The change of election dates as provided in this Act shall not be construed to invalidate any action undertaken by the governing authority of a political subdivision in an effort to place a bond, debt, tax, or proposition election or other question to be presented to the voters on either the April 18, 2026, or May 30, 2026, ballot. Any notice, resolution, proclamation, or certification that states either the April 18, 2026, or May 30, 2026, election date shall not be invalidated for failure to state the May 16, 2026, or June 27, 2026, election date as provided for in this Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 3, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AND SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 218 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 219 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 3 of Act No. 221 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 8 of Act No. 222 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Section 2 of Act No. 223 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature and to repeal Act No. 212 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to designating the statewide election for submitting proposed constitutional amendments contained in joint resolutions concurred in during the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature to the electors of the state; to provide for a special statewide election to be held on May 16, 2026, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; to change the date on which the proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the

electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Freeman - 1 day

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 9:14 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

ANGELA S. SMITH
Assistant Clerk of the House / Journal Clerk

Committee Meeting Notices

The following committees posted notices as follows:

Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Will meet at: 9:00 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Location: Committee Room 6

Remarks:

- SB 1 KLEINPETER ELECTION CODE** Provides for adjustments regarding certain elections held in calendar year 2026 (Item #1) (gov sig) (EG SEE FISC NOTE)
- SB 2 KLEINPETER ELECTION DAYS** Changes election dates for the spring 2026 statewide election for submission of proposed constitutional amendments (Item #1) (gov sig) (EG NO IMPACT See Note)
- HB 3 BAYHAM ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES** Provides for qualifying fees for certain elections in 2026 (Item #1)
- HB 4 BAYHAM ELECTIONS/DATES** Provides for the conduct of fall elections for party primary offices in 2026 (Item #1)
- HB 5 JORDAN REAPPORTIONMENT** Provides for the legislative redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle (Item #1)
- HCR 1 JORDAN REAPPORTIONMENT** Provides relative to redistricting criteria

Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any

matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs via email at h&ga@legis.la.gov. Statements submitted, and the information contained therein, are public records and subject to disclosure pursuant to public records laws.

Audio/visual presentations, such as PowerPoint, shall be filed with the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs via email at h&ga@legis.la.gov at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the committee meeting. No flash or thumb drives will be accepted.

GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV
Chair

Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Will meet at: 9:00 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Location: Committee Room 4

Remarks:

1. Oversight hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:966 on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries proposed administrative rules regarding Special Bait Dealer's Permits (LAC 76:VII.329)

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BRETT F. GEYMANN
Chair