## STATE OF LOUISIANA

## HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES Baton Rouge PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of State Representative, District 45, Parish of Lafayette, due to the resignation of Jerry Luke LeBlanc, effective on January 12, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:601 provides that such vacancy shall be filled by special election called by the Speaker of the House; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 18:402 sets the dates for the special primary and the special general elections;
- NOW, THEREFORE I, Joe R. Salter, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana issue this notice, call, and proclamation for a special primary and special general election to be held throughout the jurisdiction of Representative District 45, Parish of Lafayette, for the purpose of electing a State Representative.

Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file the 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 Subpart B of Part IV of Chapter 5, or any other applicable provision, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, during the period commencing on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2004.

The election herein called, noticed, and provided for and proclaimed shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, being Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

I hereby fix the date of the primary election for Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and the date for the general election for Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the times and places, and in the manner prescribed by law.

Accordingly, I now authorize, request, direct, and empower the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Elections, the Parish Board of Election Supervisors for the Parish of Lafayette, the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Lafayette, the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Lafayette and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty, or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Representative District 45, Parish of Lafayette, to exercise every lawful function, do every act necessary to conduct elections, cause the returns thereof to be made, and in general, to perform all related and incidental functions necessary to canvass and promulgate the results thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the House of Representatives, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this  $13^{\text{th}}$  day of January, 2004.

Joe R. Salter Speaker of the House of Representatives

ATTEST BY THE CLERK

Alfred W. Speer Clerk of the House of Representatives