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**SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

Fifty-first Extraordinary Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The House of Representatives was called to order at 3:05 P.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	McMahan
Adams	Egan	McMakin
Amedee	Emerson	Melerine
Bacala	Farnum	Mena
Bagley	Firment	Miller
Bamburg	Fisher	Moore
Bayham	Fontenot	Muscarello
Beaullieu	Freeman	Myers
Berault	Freiberg	Newell
Billings	Gadberry	Orgeron
Bourriague	Galle	Owen
Boyd	Geymann	Phelps
Boyer	Glorioso	Riser
Brass	Green	Romero
Braud	Hebert	Schamerhorn
Brown	Henry	Schlegel
Bryant	Hilferty	Selders
Butler	Horton	St. Blanc
Carlson	Hughes	Stagni
Carpenter	Illg	Tarver
Carrier	Jackson	Taylor
Carter, R.	Johnson, M.	Thomas
Carter, W.	Johnson, T.	Thompson
Carver	Jordan	Turner
Chassion	Kerner	Ventrella
Chenevert	Knox	Villio
Coates	LaFleur	Walters
Cox	Landry, J.	Wilder
Crews	Landry, M.	Wiley
Davis	Larvadain	Willard
Deshotel	Lyons	Wright
Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	Marcelle	Young

Domangue                      McCormick                      Zeringue  
Echols                              McFarland  
Total - 104

The Speaker announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Rep. Bacala.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Zeringue 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 January 15, 2024, was adopted.

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on  
Appropriations

January 16, 2024

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Appropriations to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 16, by McFarland  
Reported favorably. (24-0)

JACK G. MCFARLAND  
Chairman

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. McFarland, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills contained in the committee report at this time.

**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. 16—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to the designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Beaullieu, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Reports of Committees at this time.

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## Report of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

January 16, 2024

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 8, by Johnson, Mike  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 17, by Emerson  
Reported with amendments. (11-4)

GERALD "BEAU" BEAULLIEU, IV  
Chairman

### Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the rules were suspended in order to take up House Bills contained in the committee report at this time.

### 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. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BEAULLIEU, AND WRIGHT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the supreme court; to provide relative to redistricting supreme court justice districts; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to eliminate statutory provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

### Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. McFarland, the rules were suspended to permit House Bill No. 8 to pass to its third reading without being recommitted to the House Committee on Appropriations, which motion was agreed to.

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

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, AMEDEE, AND BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(12), 401(B), 423(E), 441(C)(1), 467(introductory paragraph), 481, 511(A) and (B), 521(A), 1254(A), 1272(A), 1278(B), 1280.22(A), 1401(A), 1461(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:2(12) and (13), 401(C), Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:410.1 through 410.10, and Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:411.1 through 411.3, relative to elections; to provide for a party primary system of elections for certain offices, including provisions to provide for nomination of candidates for general elections by party primary elections; to provide for qualification of candidates unaffiliated with a

recognized political party in the general election; to provide for voting by voters registered as affiliated with the party in the party primary election and for voting by voters unaffiliated with a recognized political party if allowed by the party central committee; to provide for election dates; to provide relative to certain qualifying fees; to provide relative to the compensation of boards of elections supervisors; 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. 17 by Representative Emerson

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, change "R.S. 18:2(12) and (13)," to "R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14),"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 20, change "R.S. 18:2(12) and (13)," to "R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14),"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"(14) "Party affiliation" and "affiliation with a political party" shall mean the party affiliation designated in the registrant's information on the state voter registration computer system."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 24, after "no later than" and before "the opening" insert "ninety days prior to"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 28, after "later than" and before "the opening" insert "ninety days prior to"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 23, change "Reopening of qualifying period; effect" to "Death of a candidate; procedure"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 26, after "party primary election," delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 27 through 29 and on page 5, delete line 1 and insert "the name of the"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 9, after "withdrawal" insert "or disqualification"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, at the end of line 19, after "congress" delete the remainder of the line and line 20 and insert "in 2024."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, delete line 21 and insert "§411.2. Election dates"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, line 23, change "last" to "third"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 7, delete lines 6 through 8

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 7, line 12, change "June 26," to "June 5,"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 7, line 13, change "June 28," to "June 7,"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, line 21, after "presidential or" delete the remainder of the line and insert "regularly scheduled or special"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 8, line 22, after "Except for" delete "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 10, delete lines 19 through 21 and insert "by the governor in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:402(E) procedures and on the election dates established in this Code. The dates of the qualifying period shall be established by the governor in accordance with R.S. 18:467, 467.1, and 468 on dates in compliance with the provisions of this Code. Within twenty-four hours"

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

### **Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. McFarland, the rules were suspended to permit House Bill No. 17 to pass to its third reading without being recommitted to the House Committee on Appropriations, which motion was agreed to.

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

### **Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Beaulieu, the rules were suspended to permit the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., without giving the notice required by House Rule 14.24(A) and consider the following legislative instruments that were not listed on the weekly committee schedule as required by House Rule 14.23:

House Bill Nos. 4, 5, 7, 13 and 14

### **Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 3:21 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

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

