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FIRST 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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

The House of Representatives was called to order at 2:05 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	Echols	McFarland
Adams	Edmonston	McMahen
Amedee	Egan	McMakin
Bacala	Firment	Melerine
Bagley	Fisher	Mena
Bamburg	Fontenot	Miller
Bayham	Freiberg	Moore
Beaullieu	Gadberry	Muscarello
Berault	Galle	Newell
Billings	Geymann	Orgeron
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Owen
Boyd	Green	Phelps
Boyer	Hebert	Riser
Brass	Henry	Romero
Braud	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Brown	Horton	Schlegel
Bryant	Hughes	Spell
Butler	Illg	St. Blanc
Carlson	Jackson	Stagni
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Tarver
Carrier	Johnson, T.	Taylor
Carter, R.	Jordan	Thomas
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thompson
Carver	Knox	Turner
Chassion	LaCombe	Ventrella
Chenevert	LaFleur	Villio
Coates	Landry, J.	Walters
Cox	Landry, M.	Wilder
Crews	Landry, T.	Wiley
Davis	Larvadain	Willard
Deshotel	Lyons	Wright

Dewitt	Mack	Wyble
Dickerson	Marcelle	Young
Domangue	McCormick	Zeringue
Total - 102		

The Speaker announced that there were 102 members present and a quorum.

Prayer

Prayer was offered by Rep. Hughes.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Petitions, Memorials, and Communications

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

Message from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 68 JML 2025

By virtue of the authority vested in me by La. Const. art. III, § 2(B), I, Jeff Landry, Governor of the State of Louisiana, HEREBY CALL AND CONVENE THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA INTO EXTRAORDINARY SESSION to convene at the State Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during 22 calendar days, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of October 2025, and ending no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of November 2025. The power to legislate at such session shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the consideration of the following specified enumerated objects:

ITEM 1: To legislate relative to the election code, election dates, election deadlines, and election plans for the 2026 election cycle, and to provide for the funding thereof if necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 16th day of October, 2025.

JEFF LANDRY
Governor of Louisiana

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

NANCY LANDRY
Secretary of State

Suspension of the Rules

Rep. M. Johnson moved to suspend House Rule 14.20, and not adopt a uniform schedule of committee meetings for the 2025 1st Extraordinary Session, which motion was agreed to.

Introduction of House Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following named members introduced the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles.

Suspension of the Rules

Rep. Beaulieu moved to suspend the rules to refer all of the prefiled bills to committee at this time.

Rep. Jordan objected.

By a vote of 75 yeas and 25 nays, the motion was adopted.

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.

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

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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 3—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
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 qualifying for congressional office in 2026; to provide for the amount of the qualifying fee for congressional office; 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 BILL NO. 4—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
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 conduct of fall elections for party primary offices in 2026; to provide for the fall primary election to serve as a primary election for a party primary office to be elected in 2026; to provide for the fall general election to serve as a general election for a party primary office to be elected in 2026; 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.

Leave of Absence

Rep. Freeman - 2 days

Adjournment

On motion of Rep. Thompson, at 2:15 P.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Friday, October 24, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 1:00 P.M., Friday, October 24, 2025.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House

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