

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES**  
Baton Rouge  
**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of State Representative, District 96, Parish of Orleans, due to the resignation of Edwin R. Murray, effective on January 1, 2005; 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

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 96, Parish of Orleans, 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 Monday, December 20, 2004 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 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 Saturday, January 29, 2005, and the date for the general election for Saturday, February 26, 2005, 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 Orleans, the Clerk of Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Orleans and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty, or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Representative District 96, Parish of Orleans, 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 \_\_\_\_\_13th\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2004.

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Joe R. Salter  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

ATTEST BY  
THE CLERK

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Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives