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2021 Early Voting  
Additional Locations Report

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## Early Voting Additional Locations Report R.S. 18:1309.2

Secretary Ardoin reports to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs on the program to permanently provide additional early voting locations.

### **I. Additional Early Voting Locations**

Additional early voting sites have been legislatively approved in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1309.2 and operate in the parishes of Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Orleans, Ouachita, and Washington.

a) Calcasieu Parish: additional early voting site is located at Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court's Office, West Calcasieu Annex, 500 A N. Huntington Street Building B, Sulphur, Louisiana, 70663.

b) East Baton Rouge Parish: additional early voting site is located at the State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

c) Orleans Parish: additional early voting site is located at the voting machine warehouse, 8870 Chef Menteur Hwy., New Orleans, LA 70127.

d) Ouachita Parish: additional early voting site is located at the West Ouachita Senior Center, 1800 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, 71291.

e) Washington Parish: additional early voting site is located at the Louisiana Technical College Sullivan Campus, 1710 Sullivan Drive, Bogalusa, Louisiana, 70427.

## II. Election Dates and Times

Early voting dates for 2020 were as follows:

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Early Voting Dates</u>
Presidential Preference Primary/ Municipal Primary July 11, 2020	June 21-July 4, 2020
Municipal General August 15, 2020	July 25-Aug. 8, 2020
Presidential/Congressional Primary November 3, 2020	Oct. 16-27, 2020
Congressional General/RSCC December 5, 2020	Nov. 20-28, 2020

In Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, and Orleans Parishes, early voting is usually conducted at the additional sites from 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. for the full seven (7) day early voting period.

In Ouachita and Washington Parishes, early voting is usually conducted at the additional sites for four (4) of the seven (7) days: the first Saturday and Monday and last Friday and Saturday of the early voting period.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an emergency election plan was adopted by the Secretary of State, the Governor, and the Legislature to extend early voting from seven to thirteen days for the July 11, 2020 and August 15, 2020 elections. Early voting for the November 3, 2020 election was extended from seven to ten days, and the hours were expanded to 8:00a.m. to 7:00 p.m., pursuant to a federal court order. Early voting days and hours were not changed for the December 5, 2020 election.

## III. Equipment and Personnel Costs

Equipment includes leased ICX touch screen voting machines, label printers, and laptops. There are one-time costs to set up a new early voting site, averaging \$25,000 for a large site. Spare equipment is an annual recurring cost averaging \$10,000 per site, as needed. Dedicated circuit lines must be established and maintained for real time access to the Election Registration Information Network (“ERIN”) and average a one-time cost of \$8,800 and an annual cost of \$6,000.

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Personnel is an annual recurring cost and averages \$12,000-\$50,000 annually, depending on the number of early voting commissioners requested by the registrar of voters to assist and run an early voting site. Secretary of State staff and Registrar of Voters part time employees are also assigned to assist and support the additional early voting locations. Advertising an early voting site location and hours is an annual recurring cost and averages \$3,000 annually per site, depending on the number of elections throughout the year.

In 2009, we reported one-time equipment costs for the additional sites in the parishes of Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Ouachita and Washington as \$41,175 in HAVA federal funds and \$61,528 in state funds. HAVA funds were only used for certain equipment and cannot be used for maintenance or recurring costs. We also reported recurring equipment costs as \$32,400 and recurring personnel costs as \$43,200.

In 2010, we incurred \$30,898.40 in one-time equipment costs for the Orleans Parish additional site, with the first year's equipment costs around \$65,000 and annual equipment costs estimated at \$18,390 – \$21,390 thereafter.

In 2019, we incurred the following early voting commissioner costs per election:

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Special General January 12, 2019	No Cost
Special Primary February 23, 2019	\$14,170.00
Municipal Primary/Special General March 30, 2019	\$20,707.50
Municipal General May 4, 2019	\$30,787.50
Gubernatorial Primary October 12, 2019	\$184,943.24
Gubernatorial General November 16, 2019	\$180,065.72

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In 2020, we incurred the following early voting commissioner costs per election:

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Regular Pay</u>	<u>Hazard Pay*</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>
PPP/Municipal Primary July 11, 2020	\$200,820.00	\$98,000.00	\$298,820.00
Municipal General August 15, 2020	\$123,712.50	\$58,000.00	\$181,712.50
Presidential/Congressional Primary November 3, 2020	\$485,353.27	\$230,000.00	\$715,353.27
Congressional General December 5, 2020	\$162,605.00	\$85,000.00	\$247,605.00

\* Hazard pay was provided to early voting commissioners due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## IV. Early voting turnout

### Presidential Preference Primary/Municipal Primary, July 11, 2020

1) Calcasieu Parish total = 2,938 early voters out of 104,442 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 2.81% voted early; election turnout 19.23%)

- Additional site in Sulphur received 744 voters, 25%
- Additional site in Moss Bluff (not at state expense) received 900 voters, 31%
- Main office in Lake Charles received 1,294 voters, 44%

2) East Baton Rouge Parish total = 14,880 early voters out of 290,590 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 5.12% voted early; election turnout 25.14%)

- Additional site at the State Archives received 4,623 voters, 31%
- Main office downtown Baton Rouge received 1,526 voters, 10%
- Baker sub-office received 3,495 voters, 23%
- Coursey sub-office received 3,448 voters, 23%
- Additional site at Central Library (not a state expense) received 1,788 voters, 12%

3) Orleans Parish total = 15,770 early voters out of 254,922 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 6.19% voted early; election turnout 25.81%)

- Additional site at the Warehouse received 6,754 voters, 43%
- Main office at City Hall received 3,320 voters, 21%
- Algiers sub-office received 1,995 voters, 13%
- Additional site at Spanish Fort (not at state expense) received 3,701 voters, 23%

4) Ouachita Parish total = 6,744 early voters out of 85,105 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 7.92% voted early; election turnout 27.35%)

- Additional site at West Monroe Senior Center received 960 voters, 14%
- Main office in Monroe received 5,784 voters, 86%

5) Washington Parish = 790 early voters out of 27,888 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 2.83% voted early; election turnout 16.78%)

- Additional site in Bogalusa received 412 voters, 52%
- Main office in Franklinton received 378 voters, 48%

### **Municipal General, August 15, 2020**

1) Calcasieu Parish total = 1,598 early voters out of 128,407 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 1.24% voted early; election turnout 10.75%)

- Additional site in Sulphur received 511 voters, 32%
- Main office in Lake Charles received 586 voters, 37%
- Additional site in Moss Bluff (not at state expense) received 501 voters, 31%

2) East Baton Rouge Parish total = 5,627 early voters out of 214,560 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 2.62% voted early; election turnout 16.29%)

- Additional site at the State Archives received 1,348 voters, 24%
- Main office downtown Baton Rouge received 590 voters, 10%
- Baker sub-office received 1,539 voters, 27%
- Coursey sub-office received 818 voters, 15%
- Additional site at Central Library (not a state expense) received 1,332 voters, 24%

3) Orleans Parish total = 4,487 early voters out of 230,348 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 1.94% voted early; election turnout 12.72%)

- Additional site at the Warehouse received 2,129 voters, 47%
- Main office at City Hall received 1,010 voters, 23%
- Algiers sub-office received 67 voters, 1%
- Additional site at Spanish Fort (not at state expense) received 1,281 voters, 29%

4) Ouachita Parish total = 221 early voters out of 32,995 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 0.67% voted early; election turnout 8.01%)

- Additional site at West Ouachita Senior Center was not included in the August 15, 2020 election.
- Main office in Monroe received 221 voters, 100%

5) Washington Parish = 230 early voters out of 15,121 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 31.43% voted early; election turnout 63.72%)

- Additional site in Bogalusa received 8 voters, 3%
- Main office in Franklinton received 222 voters, 97%

### **Presidential/Congressional Primary, November 3, 2020**

1) Calcasieu Parish total = 41,062 early voters out of 130,647 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 31.4% voted early; election turnout 63.7%)

- Additional site in Sulphur received 8,898 voters, 22%
- Main office in Lake Charles received 24,118 voters, 59%
- Additional site in Moss Bluff (not at state expense) received 8,046 voters, 19%

2) East Baton Rouge Parish total = 81,116 early voters out of 299,658 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 27.01% voted early; election turnout 70.16%)

- Additional site at the State Archives received 31,054 voters, 38%
- Main office downtown Baton Rouge received 10,254 voters, 13%
- Baker sub-office received 11,860 voters, 15%
- Coursey sub-office was not included in the November 3, 2020 election due to social distancing issues.
- Social distancing site on South Harrells Ferry Rd opened in place of the Coursey office received 16,332 voters, 20%
- Additional site in Central (not at state expense) received 11,616 voters, 14%

3) Orleans Parish total = 86,983 early voters out of 273,816 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 31.77% voted early; election turnout 65.69%)

- Additional site at the Warehouse received 25,670 voters, 30%
- Main office at City Hall received 7,684 voters, 9%
- Algiers sub-office received 9,872 voters, 11%
- Additional site at Spanish Fort (not at state expense) received 13,480 voters, 15%
- Social distancing site at the Smoothie King Center received 30,480 voters, 35%

4) Ouachita Parish total = 23,622 early voters out of 106,669 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 22.15% voted early; election turnout 65.41%)

- Additional site at West Monroe Senior Center received 10,966 voters, 46%
- Main office in Monroe received 12,656 voters, 46%

5) Washington Parish = 8,319 early voters out of 28,716 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 28.97% voted early; election turnout 68.63%)

- Additional site in Bogalusa received 4,071 voters, 49%
- Main office in Franklinton received 4,248 voters, 51%

## **Congressional General/RSCC, December 5, 2020**

1) Calcasieu Parish total = 3,267 early voters out of 131,106 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 2.49% voted early; election turnout 12.46%)

- Additional site in Sulphur received 995 voters, 30%
- Main office in Lake Charles received 1,942 voters, 59%
- Additional site in Moss Bluff (not at state expense) received 330 voters, 10%

2) East Baton Rouge Parish total = 23,091 early voters out of 300,795 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 7.68% voted early; election turnout 38.77%)

- Additional site at the State Archives received 8,496 voters, 37%
- Main office downtown Baton Rouge received 26 voters, 0%
- Baker sub-office received 4,347 voters, 19%
- Coursey sub-office was not included in the December 5, 2020 election due to social distancing issues.



- Social distancing site on South Harrells Ferry Rd, opened in place of the Coursey office, received 4,420 voters, 19%
- Additional site in Central (not at state expense) received 3,532 voters, 15%

3) Orleans Parish total = 12,684 early voters out of 275,030 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 4.61% voted early; election turnout 26.75%)

- Additional site at the Warehouse received 5,156 voters, 41%
- Main office at City Hall received 2,464 voters, 19%
- Algiers sub-office received 1,800 voters, 14%
- Additional site at Spanish Fort (not at state expense) received 3,264 voters, 26%

4) Ouachita Parish total = 2,058 early voters out of 107,167 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 1.92% voted early; election turnout 14.08%)

- Additional site at West Monroe Senior Center received 991 voters, 48%
- Main office in Monroe received 1,067 voters, 52%

5) Washington Parish = 723 early voters out of 28,812 total eligible voters in the election (of those voting, 2.51% voted early; election turnout 15.37%)

- Additional site in Bogalusa received 256 voters, 35%
- Main office in Franklinton received 467 voters, 65%

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION**

We have no recommendations for legislation this year.