



Sample ballot

November 2, 2008

Below is a sample ballot listing the races that will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot in St. Landry Parish. All parish voters will be able to vote in the three national election for president and can vote for the seven Louisiana constitutional amendments. Local runoff elections will be held in Opelousas, Melville and justice of the peace District 18. For more information on the seven constitutional amendments included on the Nov. 4 ballot, visit the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana's Web site at www.la-par.org. The below information has been sourced from the Louisiana Office of Secretary of State and the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.

Presidential Electors Democratic Party

Barack Obama

Joe Biden

Green Party

Cynthia McKinney

Rosa Clemente

Republican Party

John McCain

Sarah Palin

Constitution Party

Chuck Baldwin,

Darrell Castle

Independent

Ralph Nader,

Matt Gonzalez

Louisiana Taxpayers Party

"Ron" Paul,

Barry Goldwater Jr.

Prohibition

Gene Amondson,

Leroy Pletten

Socialism and Liberation

Gloria La Riva

Eugene Puryear

Socialist Workers Party

James Harris

Alyson Kennedy

U. S. Senator

Mary Landrieu, D

Richard Fontanesi, L

John Kennedy, R

"Jay" Patel, N

Robert Stewart, O

U. S. Representative, 7th Congressional District

Donald "Don" Cravins, Jr., D

Charles W. Boustany, Jr., R

Peter Vidrine, O

Justice(s) of the Peace, Justice of the Peace District 18

Clyde J. Fontenot, D

Hugh C. Guidry, R

Alderman, District D, City of Opelousas Geraldine G. Hawkins, D

Reginald Tatum, D

Council Member, Town of Melville

Esther M. A. Johnson, D

"Ed" Triplett, D

Constitutional Amendments

CA No. 1 (Act 935-SB232), Term limits for members of state boards and commissions

A vote FOR imposes term limits.

A vote AGAINST continues to allow elected or appointed members of certain state boards and commissions to hold an unlimited number of terms.

CA No. 2 (Act 937-SB296), Sets a time limit for calling special sessions

A vote FOR requires that legislators issue a call for a special session at least seven days prior to the start of the session.

A vote AGAINST continues the requirement that legislators issue a call for a special session at least five days prior to the start of the session.

CA No. 3 (Act 931-HB183), Temporary successors for legislators ordered to active military duty

A vote FOR allows the Legislature to appoint a temporary successor for any legislator called away for active military duty if the duty prevents him/her from performing the requirements of the office.

A vote AGAINST continues to allow districts to be without representation if the legislator away called for active service refuses to resign.

CA No. 4 (Act 932-HB420), Louisiana severance taxes to parishes

A vote FOR dedicates additional state severance taxes to the parishes of origin. Use of taxes is restricted. Also dedicates a portion of severance taxes collected on state property to Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund.

A vote AGAINST would maintain the maximum amount of \$850,000 in severance tax revenues that the state pays to parishes.

CA No. 5 (Act 933-HB461), transfer of special property tax assessment level

A vote FOR allows homeowners to transfer special property tax assessment levels to new homes if the local, state or federal government sells or expropriates their property.

A vote AGAINST prohibits homeowners from transferring special property tax assessments to new properties.

CA No. 6 (Act 936-SB295), Removes certain restrictions on blighted property

A vote FOR would mean that public authorities would not have to first offer expropriated property back its prior owner before selling the property a third party if the property was taken or removed to eliminate public health or safety threats and was held for less than 30 years. It also eliminates a requirement that the property must be sold by public bid.

A vote AGAINST would maintain re-sale requirements for property taken to remove a threat to public health and safety.

CA No. 7 (Act 934-HB584), Contributions to post-employment benefit funds

A vote FOR allows public funds for non-pension, post-employment benefits to be invested in stocks.

A vote AGAINST would prohibit public funds for non-pension, post-employment benefits from being invested in stocks.

Town of Sunset, one-cent sales

YES

NO