

# Residents Guide to the October 14 Election



**POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM-8PM ON ELECTION DAY.**

## ON THE BALLOT

Primary elections for state leadership including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Attorney General; State Legislators; State School Board members; a Criminal District Court Judge; 3 Amendments to the Louisiana State Constitution, and 2 Amendments to the City Charter.



### LOUISIANA VOTER PORTAL

Find your polling place & preview your ballot.



### ADDITIONAL ELECTION INFORMATION & FAQ

Power Coalition for Equity & Justice  
Voter Guide

## RESEARCH YOUR VOTE: ELECTED POSITIONS

### WHAT DOES EACH POSITION DO?

**The Governor** is responsible for overseeing the state's executive branch and implementing policies for the state's economic and social welfare; a good candidate should have leadership skills, political experience, and knowledge of state issues.

**The Lieutenant Governor** acts as the governor's successor and performs duties assigned by the governor or legislature; a good candidate should have a strong background in public service and government operations.

**The Secretary of State** manages state records, elections, and business registrations; a good candidate should have experience in public administration, law, and management.

**The Treasurer** oversees the state's finances, manages state investments, and administers state debt; a good candidate should have a background in finance, accounting, and economics.

**The Attorney General** provides legal counsel to state government, prosecutes criminal cases, and defends the state in legal disputes; a good candidate should have a law degree, experience in criminal law, and a strong understanding of constitutional law.

**BESE Dist 1 and BESE Dist 2** The Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) regulates and controls budget decisions for all Louisiana public elementary and secondary schools; and some of the state's non-public elementary and secondary schools. Good candidates should have experience in education policy and management.

**State Senator** 1st Senatorial Dist, State Senator 9th Senatorial Dist, and **State Representative** 23rd Dist, 91st Dist, 94th Dist, 99th Dist, and 105th Dist are responsible for introducing and passing legislation that affects their constituents; good candidates should have a background in law, public service, and knowledge of their districts' issues.

A **Judge of Criminal District Court** presides over criminal cases within their district; a good candidate should have a law degree, experience in criminal law, and a strong understanding of legal procedures.

## RESEARCH YOUR VOTE: HOW TO EVALUATE CANDIDATES

**Consider what issues are most important to you.** Once you have a clear idea of what you're looking for, you can begin to research the candidates themselves.

**Learn about the candidates through their own words** by reading their campaign materials, or watching a candidate forum. Here are a few we're aware of!



**JUSTICE AND BEYOND**  
Governor, Secretary of State, LA  
House of Representatives, Criminal  
District Court, and Constitutional  
Amendments



**COALITION TO RESTORE  
COASTAL LOUISIANA**  
A Governor's Forum focused on  
coastal issues

**Endorsements, Report Cards, & Voter Guides** can help you learn about many candidates at once. Most will not be completely objective. When you read a guide or endorsement, consider how the values of the author(ing organization) align with your values. Read a few different sources before you make up your mind.



**#PUTHOUSINGFIRST  
SCORECARD**  
A survey of candidates' stances on  
housing issues by HousingNOLA



**VOICE OF THE EXPERIENCED  
CANDIDATE SURVEY**  
A survey of candidates' stances on  
criminal justice by VOTE

## RESEARCH YOUR VOTE: STATE CONSTITUTION & CHARTER CHANGES

The State Constitution governs the State. The City Charter governs the City.



**PAR CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT GUIDE**  
A nonpartisan guide to the  
proposed constitutional



**BGR REPORTS: CHARTER  
AMENDMENTS**  
A nonpartisan guide to each of the  
charter amendments, and the school

