

337 Candidates Qualify for Legislative Elections

8 Incumbent Senators and 32 Incumbent Representatives Unopposed

Qualifying for the October 12 statewide elections closed Thursday with 337 candidates qualifying for legislative seats. 16 of the 39 Senators currently serving in Baton Rouge are term-limited and only two qualified this week to return to the lower house. Senate Agriculture Chairman Francis Thompson (D-Delhi) will become the longest serving legislator in Louisiana's history (at 50 years) if he finishes the full term for the House District 19 seat he alone qualified for. Of 105 House Members, 31 are term-limited and 19 members qualified this week to move to the Senate. To view all candidates who have qualified for the fall ballot, follow this [LINK](#).

3 REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED TO SENATE

Three incumbent Representatives were the only candidates to qualify in their races for the Senate this week. **Representative Katrina Jackson** (D-Monroe) will succeed District 34 Senator Francis Thompson (D-Delhi) and **Representative Pat Connick** (R-Harvey) will take the District 8 seat of Senate President John Alario (R-Westwego). After District 4 Senator Wesley Bishop (D-New Orleans) suddenly withdrew from the race last week, **Representative Jimmy Harris** (D-New Orleans) was the only candidate to qualify for his seat

9 SENATE INCUMBENTS WITHOUT A CHALLENGER

Senator Sharon Hewitt (R-Slidell), **Senator Troy Carter** (D-New Orleans), **Senator Rick Ward** (R-Port Allen), **Senator Eddie Lambert** (R-Gonzales), **Senator Gary Smith** (D-Norco), **Senator Bret Allain** (R-Franklin), **Senator Fred Mills** (R-Parks), **Senator Page Cortez** (R-Lafayette), and **Senator Ronnie Johns** (R-Lake Charles), will return to the Senate after qualifying closed without candidates in their races.

32 HOUSE INCUMBENTS WITHOUT A CHALLENGER

Representatives **Sam Jenkins** (D-Shreveport), **Cedric Glover** (D-Shreveport), **Larry Bagley** (R-Stonewall), **Raymond Crews** (R-Bossier City), **Dodie Horton** (R-Haughton), **Patrick Jefferson** (D-Homer), **Chris Turner** (R-Ruston), **Jack McFarland** (R-Winnfield), **Pat Moore** (D-Monroe), **Kenny Cox** (D-Mansfield), **Lance Harris** (R-Alexandria), **Mike Johnson** (R-Pineville), **Edmond Jordan** (D-Baton Rouge), **Phillip DeVillier** (R-Eunice), **John Stefanski** (R-Crowley), **Vincent Pierre** (D-Lafayette), **Ryan Bourriaque** (R-Grand Chenier), **Blake Miguez** (R-Erath), **Jerome Zeringue** (R-Houma), **Tanner Magee** (R-Houma), **Greg Miller** (R-Norco), **Tony Bacala** (R-Prairieville), **Chad Brown** (D-Plaquemines), **Valerie Hodges** (R-Denham Springs), **Clay Schexnayder** (R-Sorrento), **Joe Marino** (R-Gretna), **Nicky Muscarello** (R-Hammond), **Joe Stagni** (R-Kenner), **Ted James** (D-Baton Rouge), **Gary Carter** (D-New Orleans), **Ray Garofalo** (R-Chalmette), and **Paul Hollis** (R-Covington), have secured another term in the House.

16 REPRESENTATIVES RUNNING FOR THE SENATE

Representative Barbara Norton (D-Shreveport) is challenging District 39 **Senator Greg Tarver** (D-Shreveport).

Representative Robert Johnson (D-Marksville) and **Representative Bernard LeBas** (D-Ville Platte) will face-off against **Mayor Heather Cloud** (R-Turkey Creek) for the District 28 Senate seat held by Eric LaFleur (D-Ville Platte). **Representative James Armes** (D-Leesville) faces former Representative Brett Geyman and two other opponents in his race to succeed District 30 Senator John Smith (D-Leesville). **Representative Mark Abraham** (R-Lake Charles) will face **Representative Johnny Guinn** (R-Jennings) and farmer Kevin Berken (R-Elton) in the race for Senator Blade Morrish's District 25 seat. **Representative Jay Morris** (R-West Monroe) is challenging District 35 **Senator Jim Fannin** (R-Jonesboro). **Representative Pat Smith** (D-Baton Rouge) will face former **Congressman Cleo Fields** (D-Baton Rouge) for the District 14 Senate seat held by Senator Yvonne Colomb (D-Baton Rouge). **Representative Steve Carter** (R-Baton Rouge), **Representative Franklin Foil** (R-Baton Rouge), and three other candidates are vying for Senator Dan Claitor's District 16 seat. **Representative Rogers Pope** (R-Denham Springs) is contesting District 13 Senator Dale Erdey's seat along with two other Livingston Parish candidates. **Representative Kirk Talbot** (R-River Ridge) has two opponents in his bid for the District 10 seat of Senator Danny Martiny (R-Metairie). **Representative Cameron Henry** (R-Metairie) is running for Republican Senator Conrad Appel's Metairie-based District 9. **Representative Reid Falconer** (R-Mandeville) will be competing with two candidates for the District 12 seat held by Senator Jack Donahue (R-Mandeville). **Representative John Bagneris** and **Representative Joe Bouie**, both Democrats from New Orleans, qualified for the District 3 seat of Senator J.P. Morrell (D-New Orleans).

2 SENATORS RUNNING FOR THE HOUSE

Senator Francis Thompson (D-Delhi) was the only candidate to qualify to succeed District 19 Representative Bubba Chaney (R-Rayville). **Senator Neil Riser** (R-Columbia) faces three other candidates in the race for the seat held by retiring District 20 Representative Steve Pylant (R-Winnsboro)

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