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**GOV'S RACE IS OVER...**Louisiana has its youngest governor since Huey Long was elected. U.S. Rep. Bobby Jindal, R-Kenner, a 36-year-old Rhodes Scholar, was elected in Saturday's primary with 54 percent of the vote. He carried 60 of Louisiana's 64 parishes. Only Bienville and Red River Parish in north Louisiana and Orleans and St. Bernard Parish in south Louisiana did not give Jindal a majority vote. Bienville and Red River went to Foster Campbell, Orleans to John Georges, and St. Bernard to Walter Boasso. The results:

- U.S. Rep. Bobby Jindal: 54 percent (699,672 votes)
- State Sen. Walter Boasso: 17 percent (226,364 votes)
- Businessman John Georges: 14 percent (186,800 votes)
- Foster Campbell: 12 percent (161,425 votes)

There were a total of 12 candidates in the race, and the others received a minor number of votes. The turnout statewide was only 46 percent. Voting in the 2003 gubernatorial race was at 1.4 million and was down to 1.3 million last Saturday. The expected drop in voters in New Orleans as a result of displacement from the hurricanes occurred. There were 45,961 fewer votes this governor's race than last in Orleans Parish.

Part of the impressive Jindal victory is thought to have occurred because of low turnout of African American voters. Fifty-one percent of white voters turned out compared to 35 percent of African American voters. Jindal captured 63 percent of the white votes cast and received, based on early

calculations, and only 10 percent of the African American vote. Boasso captured the majority of the African American vote with 36 percent, followed by Campbell at 28 percent and Georges at 21 percent.

Governor-elect Jindal's strong white votes compares to Boasso's 14 percent, George's 12 percent and Campbell's 10 percent.

Jindal is the first non-incumbent to win a gubernatorial primary outright since Louisiana abolished party primaries in 1975. He is the nation's first governor of Indian-American descent. He also will be the youngest governor in the country.

Jindal's hard work over the last four years since his runoff defeat by Gov. Kathleen Blanco resulted in an \$11 million war chest collected from 19,000 supporters and a claim by his campaign that they knocked on more than 100,000 doors. Jindal has toured the state relentlessly—every nook and cranny—for the past four years, and it worked.

**SO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?...**Governor-elect Jindal will take office in early January. He is off on a weeklong bus trip of the state starting today to celebrate his victory. His staff is making arrangements at LSU to create a transition office, and Jindal announced that Baton Rouge *Business Report* publisher Rolfe McCollister will be the head of his transition team. He indicated he will make more announcements about personnel later this week and has made no commitments of possible hires to serve in his administration.

Jindal announced that he plans to follow through on his campaign pledge and call a special session shortly after his January 14 inauguration to tackle ethics reform. In making that announcement after his impressive win, he said, "I have said throughout the campaign that there are two entities that have the most to fear from us winning this election. One is corruption, and the other is incompetence. If you happen to see either of them, please let them know the party is over."

The governor-elect also indicated he will not get involved in the remaining political races within the state that are heading to runoff, such as the

attorney general and agriculture commissioner races. He said he does not plan to get involved in selection of legislative leadership unless there is no consensus. This would be a definite change from his predecessors' actions. Louisiana has an unusually powerful governor and all have interjected themselves into legislative leadership races.

**LT. GOV'S RACE...**As expected, incumbent Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, D-New Orleans, won reelection with 57 percent of the vote. He was in a five-person race. Landrieu had received good marks for his work since the hurricanes of two years ago. The results among the main candidates:

- Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu: 57 percent
- Country music singer Sammy Kershaw, R-Kaplan: 30 percent
- State Rep. Gary Beard, R-Baton Rouge: 11 percent

**ATTORNEY GENERAL...**Incumbent Attorney General Charles Foti, D-New Orleans, was unable to make it to a **runoff** in a three-person race. Foti was criticized following his handling of cases involving doctors performing their duties during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Results of the election are as follows:

- District Attorney Buddy Caldwell, D-Tallulah: 36 percent
- Attorney Royal Alexander, R-Shreveport: 32 percent
- Attorney General Charles Foti: 32 percent

Alexander edged out incumbent Foti by a margin of 6,081 votes to make the runoff with Caldwell.

**SECRETARY OF STATE...**Incumbent Jay Dardenne, R-Baton Rouge, was re-elected to his first full term as secretary of state after being voted in during a special election to complete the term of the late Fox McKeithen. The results of the three-person race:

- Sec. of State Jay Dardenne: 63 percent
- Rick Wooley, D-Baton Rouge: 31 percent
- Scott Lewis, D-Baton Rouge: 5 percent

**COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE...**Seven-term incumbent Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Odom, D-Zachary, is facing his first serious contender since he was first elected nearly 30 years ago. Odom will face Rep. Mike Strain, R-Covington, in a **runoff**. Results of the election:

- Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Odom: 41 percent
- Rep. Mike Strain: 40 percent
- Baton Rouge Councilman Wayne Carter: 13 percent
- Don Johnson: 6 percent

**COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE...**As expected, incumbent Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon, R-New Orleans, was reelected to the office in the primary. However, he won with a small majority in a race where his opponents had a non-existent campaign. Donelon defeated his closest opponent, James Crowley, D-Shreveport, 51 percent to 36 percent.

**STATE TREASURER...**Incumbent state Treasurer John Kennedy, R-Madisonville, was reelected to the post without opposition. This is the second time in a row Kennedy has managed to be elected without opposition.

**LEGISLATIVE RACES...**Legislative incumbents did quite well in Saturday's primary. Only one was defeated—Rep. Rick Farrar, D-Pineville—and, only two incumbents are in a **runoff**. One is in the House—Rep. Carla Dartez, D-Morgan City. The other incumbent in a **runoff** is Sen. Ann Duplessis, D-New Orleans. The state Republican Party's campaign to gain a majority in the House of Representatives fell short with the elections on Saturday and will probably still be short of a majority after the runoffs. The Senate will definitely retain a Democratic majority.

Following Saturday's primary, there remain 10 runoffs in the Senate and 40 runoffs in the House to be settled in the general election on November 17th. In the Senate, there were 10 members elected without opposition, including nine incumbents and one new member in Senate District 13. Former Rep. Dale Erdey, R-Livingston, had no opposition. In the House, there were 26 members elected without opposition, including 21 incumbents and five first-time candidates. The five new members elected

without opposition are Mike Danahay, D-Sulphur, Bernard LeBas, D-Ville Platte, Simone Champagne, D-Jeanerette, Pat Connick, R-Harvey, and Greg Cromer, R-Slidell.

Based on Saturday's primary, Democrats will hold at least 22 votes in the Senate, and the Republicans will hold 13, with dual-party runoffs in four elections. Twenty votes are needed for a majority in the Senate. In the House, the Democrats will definitely retain 44 seats and the Republicans will hold 42, and there is one Independent. There will be dual-party runoffs in 18 elections in November. Fifty-three votes are needed for a majority in the House.

Following is a complete rundown on all of the latest legislative races from Saturday's primary.

## **LEGISLATIVE RACE UPDATE BY DISTRICT (RUNOFFS IN BOLD)**

### **Senate**

**Senate District 1:** Rep. A.G. Crowe, R-Pearl River, defeated term-limited Rep. Ken Odinet, D-Arabi, 52 percent to 48 percent. It was closer than pollsters had predicted, with Crowe winning by only 814 votes.

**Senate District 2:** As predicted, incumbent Sen. Ann Duplessis, D-New Orleans, ran first and will face a **runoff** with the man she beat four years ago, Jon Johnson, D-New Orleans. Duplessis had 49 percent of the vote to Johnson's 36 percent. She led by 1,498 votes. A third candidate in the race received 14 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 3:** Incumbent Sen. Derrick Shepherd, D-Marrero, defeated a political newcomer with 61 percent of the vote to return for another term.

**Senate District 4:** As expected, incumbent Sen. Ed Murray, D-New Orleans, was easily reelected to another term with 68 percent of the vote against two opponents.

**Senate District 5:** Two representatives who decided to run for Senate captured the most votes in a four-person race, and they will face each other in a **runoff**. Rep. Cheryl Gray, D-New Orleans, and Rep. Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, D-New Orleans, got 35 and 26 percent, respectively. The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI)-supported candidate, David Williams, D-New Orleans was 51 votes short of pushing Jefferson-Bullock out of the runoff.

**Senate District 6:** Incumbent Sen. Julie Quinn, R-Metairie, easily returns to the legislature for another term, as she took 57 percent of the vote in a three-person race.

**Senate District 7:** In one of the most negative races in the state, the LABI-supported candidate and brother of term-limited Sen. Francis Heitmeier, David Heitmeier, D-New Orleans, was short just a few votes of taking it in the primary. He got 49 percent of the vote and will face Paul Richard, R-New Orleans, who received 31 percent, in a **runoff**. A third candidate got 20 percent.

**Senate District 8:** Despite heavy efforts by some Republicans to defeat term-limited Rep. John Alario, D-Westwego, he easily defeated John Roberts, R-Gretna, 67 to 37 percent.

**Senate District 9:** In a three-person race, term-limited Rep. Steve Scalise, R-Jefferson, was easily elected with 61 percent of the vote. His nearest opponent was Polly Thomas, R-Metairie, who received 29 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 10:** Term-limited Rep. Danny Martiny, R-Kenner, handily defeated his one opponent with 69 percent to of the vote.

**Senate District 11:** In a three-person race, former LABI Chairman Jack Donahue, R-Covington defeated term-limited Rep. Pete Schneider, R-Slidell, by a hefty 64 percent to 33 percent.

**Senate District 12:** Incumbent Sen. Ben Nevers, D-Bogalusa, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 13:** First-term Sen. Dale Erdey, R-Livingston, was elected without opposition

**Senate District 14:** In Sen. Cleo Fields' district, his candidate, term-limited Rep. Yvonne Dorsey, D-Baton Rouge, came close to taking it in the primary with 48 percent of the vote. Attorney Jason DeCuir, D-Baton Rouge, came in second with 42 percent, so there will be a **runoff**. There were two other folks in the race.

**Senate District 15:** Incumbent Sen. Sharon Broome, D-Baton Rouge, trounced her one opponent with 80 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 16:** Incumbent Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-Baton Rouge, handily defeated two opponents with 76 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 17:** Incumbent Sen. Rob Marionneaux, D-Gross Tete, demolished his one opponent and was reelected with 83 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 18:** Incumbent Sen. Jody Amedee, D-Gonzales, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 19:** Incumbent Sen. Joel Chaisson, D-Destrehan, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 20:** Incumbent Reggie Dupre, D-Bourg, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 21:** Incumbent Sen. Butch Gautreaux, D-Morgan City, handily defeated his one opponent, taking 71 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 22:** Going into this one, no one was sure who would go to the runoff; polling was close among the candidates. As it turns out, term-limited Rep. Troy Hebert, D-Jeanerette, received 33 percent of the vote and heads into a **runoff** against newcomer Jeff Landry, R-New Iberia, who received the most votes at 35 percent. Landry is a former aide to term-

limited Sen. Craig Romero, who represented this district. Hebert shoved term-limited Rep. Sydnie Mae Durand out of the runoff with less than 300 votes.

**Senate District 23:** Incumbent Sen. Mike Michot, R-Lafayette, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 24:** Incumbent Sen. Don Cravins, Jr., D-Opelousas, annihilated his two opponents and was reelected with 74 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 25:** The polling indicated that all three candidates in this race were bunched together, and it turned out that way. Two term-limited House members will be in a **runoff** after eliminating Lake Charles businessman Mark Abraham in the primary. Rep. Dan Morrish, R-Jennings, had 33 percent and Gil Pinac, D-Crowley, had 38 percent.

**Senate District 26:** Incumbent Sen. Nick Gautreaux, D-Abbeville, handily defeated term-limited Rep. Mickey Frith, D-Kaplan, 77 percent to 23 percent.

**Senate District 27:** Incumbent Sen. Willie Mount, D-Lake Charles, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 28:** In a bit of a surprise, Rep. Eric LaFleur, D-Ville Platte, will be in a runoff after missing a win in the primary by a couple hundred votes. He will face term-limited Sen. President Don Hines' grandson Don Newton, D-Bunkie, who had 31 percent, in a **runoff**. The indicted sheriff of Avoyelles Parish, Bill Belt, who also ran, had 20 percent. There were 7,732 people who actually voted for the indicted sheriff.

**Senate District 29:** Incumbent Sen. Joe McPherson, D-Woodworth, easily defeated his one opponent and was reelected with 69 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 30:** In a three-person race, former Rep. and failed gubernatorial candidate Buddy Leach, D-Leesville, will face term-limited

Rep. John Smith, D-Leesville, in a **runoff**. Leach had 39 percent of the vote to Smith's 36 percent.

**Senate District 31:** LABI-supported candidate Gerald Long, R-Natchitoches, defeated term-limited Rep. Taylor Townsend, D-Natchitoches, and is elected with 54 percent to Townsend's 46 percent.

**Senate District 32:** LABI-supported funeral home owner Neal Riser, R-Columbia, was very close to winning in the primary against Sec. of Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and former Rep. Bryant Hammett, D-Ferriday. Riser had 49 percent to Hammett's 42 percent. It was a three-person race. There will be a **runoff** between Hammett and Riser.

**Senate District 33:** In a bit of a surprise, term-limited Rep. Mike Walsworth, R-West Monroe, pulled a major upset over term-limited Rep. Charles McDonald, D-Fairbanks, 52 percent to 48 percent. It was a two-person race.

**Senate District 34:** Term-limited Rep. Francis Thompson, D-Delhi, wins in the primary, defeating two other candidates, including term-limited Rep. Willie Hunter, D-Monroe. Thompson received 51 percent to Hunter's 41 percent.

**Senate District 35:** Incumbent Sen. Bob Kostelka, R-Monroe, was reelected without opposition.

**Senate District 36:** Incumbent Sen. Robert Adley, D-Benton, easily defeated his one opponent with 73 percent of the vote.

**Senate District 37:** Term-limited Rep. Billy Montgomery, R-Bossier City, ran first in a field of five candidates and will face former Rep. Buddy Shaw, R-Shreveport, in a **runoff**. Montgomery garnered 29 percent of the vote, while Shaw got 22 percent. There was one Democrat and two other Republicans in this race, all of which received a considerable amount of the vote.

**Senate District 38:** It was a tough race for incumbent Sherri Cheek, R-Shreveport, but she pulled it off against her one opponent and she will return to the Senate. She won with 53 percent.

**Senate District 39:** Incumbent Sen. Lydia Jackson, D-Shreveport, was reelected without opposition.

### **House of Representatives**

**House District 1:** Incumbent Rep. Jim Morris, R-Oil City, ran against two folks he previously defeated in a special election to replace the late Hoppy Hopkins. Morris was easily returned to the House with 64 percent of the vote.

**House District 2:** Incumbent Rep. Roy Burrell, D-Shreveport, overwhelmed his one opponent with 86 percent of the vote and returns to office.

**House District 3:** In a battle of three newcomers, community activist Barbara Norton, D-Shreveport, was elected with 56 percent of the vote.

**House District 4:** Incumbent Pat Williams, D-Shreveport, overwhelmed his one opponent winning reelection with 75 percent of the vote.

**House District 5:** Incumbent Rep. Wayne Waddell, R-Shreveport, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 6:** Incumbent Rep. Mike Powell, R-Shreveport, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 7:** In a five-person race to replace term-limited Rep. Beverly Bruce, there will be a **runoff** between Ritchie Burford, R-Stonewall, and Kenny Ray Cox, D-Mansfield. Burford had 23 percent to Cox's 21 percent.

**House District 8:** Incumbent Rep. Jane Smith, R-Bossier City, easily defeated her one opponent with 62 percent of the vote and will return to the House.

**House District 9:** In the race to replace term-limited Rep. Billy Montgomery, Henry Burns, R-Haughton, with less than a 100 vote difference, defeated Richey Jackson, R-Princeton.

**House District 10:** Incumbent Rep. Jean Doerge, D-Minden, was reelected with 57 percent of the vote over two opponents.

**House District 11:** Incumbent Rep. Rick Gallot, D-Ruston, easily won reelection with 66 percent of the vote over two opponents.

**House District 12:** Incumbent Rep. Hollis Downs, R-Ruston, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 13:** Incumbent Rep. Jim Fannin, D-Jonesboro, easily defeated his one opponent to win reelection; he had 79 percent of the vote.

**House District 14:** In the race to replace term-limited Rep. Charles McDonald, dentist Buddy Quinn, D-Bastrop, will face farmer Sam Little, R-Bastrop, in a **runoff**. Quinn had 41 percent to Little's 35 percent.

**House District 15:** In a five-person race to replace term-limited Rep. Mike Walsworth, there will be a **runoff** between retired University of Louisiana of Monroe administrator Frank Hoffman, R-West Monroe, and councilman Paul Hargrove, R-West Monroe. Hoffman received 44 percent to Hargrove's 24 percent.

**House District 16:** Incumbent Rep. Kay Katz, R-Monroe, easily won reelection to another term in a three-person race. She got 64 percent of vote.

**House District 17:** In a five-candidate race to replace term-limited Rep. Willie Hunter, the daughter of term-limited Sen. Charles Jones, attorney in the district attorney's office Rosalind Jones, won outright with 55 percent of the vote.

**House District 18:** Incumbent Rep. Don Cazayoux, D-New Roads, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 19:** Bubba Chaney, D-Rayville, defeated Anita Tennant-Mack, D-Monroe, by 72 percent of the vote to win in the primary. Chaney owns a clothing store in Rayville.

**House District 20:** Term-limited Sen. Noble Ellington, D-Winnsboro, was running for his old spot in the House in a three-person race. He didn't make it and will face a **runoff** with Cleve Womack, D-Jonesville, after he received 49 percent of the vote to Womack's 34 percent. A third Democrat received 17 percent.

**House District 21:** Incumbent Rep. Andy Anders, D-Clayton, had three opponents. Anders was easily reelected with 62 percent of the vote.

**House District 22:** Incumbent Rep. Billy Chandler, D-Dry Prong, easily won reelection in the primary over two opponents with 64 percent of the vote.

**House District 23:** In term-limited Rep. Taylor Townsend's district, there will be a **runoff** between Rick Nowlin, R-Natchitoches, and Joe Sampite, D-Natchitoches. Nowlin had 35 percent to Sampite's 33 percent in a four-person race.

**House District 24:** Term-limited Rep. Joe Salter's district had four candidates, and there will be a **runoff** between former Sheriff Frankie Howard, R-Hornbeck, and Mary Ann Wiggins, D-Coushatta. Howard had 31 percent of the vote to Wiggins' 28 percent.

**House District 25:** In term-limited Rep. Charlie DeWitt's district, there will be a **runoff** between Lance Maxwell, R-Alexandria, and Chris Roy, Jr., D-Alexandria. This was a three-person race. Maxwell received 41 percent of the vote to Roy's 35.

**House District 26:** In term-limited Rep. Bo Curtis' seat, LABI-supported Herbert Dixon, D-Alexandria, avoided a runoff by getting a few votes over 50 percent in a four-person race.

**House District 27:** In a major defeat of an incumbent, Chris Hazel, R-Ball, defeated Rep. Rick Farrar, D-Pineville, in his bid for reelection. Hazel had 62 percent to Farrar's 38 percent in a two-man race.

**House District 28:** Rep. Monica Walker decided not to seek reelection, and four candidates were attempting to take her place. There will be a **runoff** between Robert Johnson, D-Marksville, who ran second to Ms. Walker four years ago, and Kirby Roy, R-Hessmer. Johnson received 32 percent to Roy's 31 percent of the vote.

**House District 29:** Incumbent Rep. Regina Barrow, D-Baton Rouge, defeated two opponents and was easily reelected with 65 percent of the vote.

**House District 30:** In the open seat to replace term-limited Rep. John Smith, James Armes, D-Leesville, will face Jack Causey, R-Leesville, in a **runoff**. Armes had 49 percent of the vote to Causey's 38 percent of the vote in a three-person race.

**House District 31:** A man known for running close races, incumbent Rep. Don Trahan, R-Lafayette, defeated his one opponent, Nancy Landry, I-Lafayette, by 33 votes to win reelection.

**House District 32:** The polls were wrong in this one, as the wife of term-limited Rep. Herman Ray Hill, Dorothy Sue Hill, D-Dry Creek, ran first to replace him. Hill received 46 percent of the vote to term-limited Sen. James David Cain, R-Dry Creek, who had 41 percent in the four-person race. This will be a lively **runoff**.

**House District 33:** Newcomer Rep. Mike Danahay, D-Sulphur, was elected without opposition.

**House District 34:** In the open seat to replace term-limited Elcie Guillory in the Lake Charles, there were seven people in the race. There will be a **runoff** between A.B. Franklin, D-Lake Charles, and Tony Guillory, D-Lake Charles. Franklin had 23 percent to Guillory's 22 percent.

**House District 35:** Incumbent Rep. Brett Geymann, R-Lake Charles, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 36:** Incumbent Rep. Chuck Kleckley, R-Lake Charles, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 37:** In open seat to replace term-limited Rep. Dan Morrish, Johnny Guinn, R-Jennings will be in a **runoff** with Kyle Reed, D-Jennings. This was a four-person race. Guinn led with 32 percent to Reed's 30 percent.

**House District 38:** Newcomer Rep. Bernard LeBas, D-Ville Platte, was elected without opposition to Rep. Eric LaFleur's seat.

**House District 39:** In a four-person race to replace term-limited Rep. Clara Baudoin in the Lafayette area, former Rep. LaLa Lalonde, R-Carencro, and Bobby Badon, D-Carencro, will face each other in a **runoff**. Lalonde received 30 percent of the vote to Badon's 27 percent.

**House District 40:** Incumbent Rep. Elbert Guillory, D-Opelousas, defeated two opponents with 56 percent of the vote.

**House District 41:** Rep. Mickey Guillory, D-Eunice, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 42:** In a bit of a surprise, term-limited Rep. Gil Pinac's seat will remain in the Democrat's hands after Jack Montoucet, D-Scott, defeated longtime Crowley Mayor Isabella delaHoussaye, a Republican. Montoucet received 58 percent of the vote to delaHoussaye's 42 percent.

**House District 43:** In a hotly contested race to replace Rep. Ernie Alexander, furniture storeowner Paige Cortez, R-Lafayette, defeated Pat LeBlanc, R-Youngsville, 55 percent to 45 percent.

**House District 44:** In term-limited Rep. Wilfred Pierre's Lafayette seat, five candidates were whittled down to two for the **runoff**. Lafayette City Parish Councilman Chris Williams, D-Lafayette, got 30 percent of the vote and

Lafayette Parish School Board member Rickey Hardy, D-Lafayette, got 29 percent.

**House District 45:** Incumbent Rep. Joel Robideaux, I-Lafayette, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 46:** Pharmacist Fred Mills, Jr., D-St. Martinville, trounced his one opponent with 84 percent of the vote to win election.

**House District 47:** In term-limited Rep. Mickey Frith's district, Jonathan Perry, R-Kaplan defeated two other candidates with 55 percent of the vote and won in the primary.

**House District 48:** In term-limited Rep. Romo Romero's seat, LABI-supported banker Taylor Barras, D-New Iberia, got 45 percent of the vote and will face in a **runoff** Romo's son, lawyer Shane Romero, D-New Iberia, who got 27 percent of the vote. This was a four-person race.

**House District 49:** Newcomer Rep. Simone Champagne, D-Jeanerette, was elected without opposition.

**House District 50:** In a three-person race to replace term-limited Rep. Jack Smith, attorney Alan McElroy, D-Berwick, will take on former Blanco administration staffer Sam Jones, D-Franklin, in a **runoff**. Both candidates had 38 percent of the vote, and only 38 votes separated them.

**House District 51:** Incumbent Rep. Carla Dartez, D-Morgan City, will face Republican Joe Harrison in a **runoff**. Dartez garnered 44 percent to Harris 36 percent in a four-person race.

**House District 52:** Incumbent Rep. Gordon Dove, R-Houma, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 53:** Incumbent Rep. Damon Baldone, D-Houma, defeated his one opponent and will come back for another term. He got 57 percent of the vote.

**House District 54:** Rep. Loulan Pitre decided not to run for reelection. There will be a **runoff** for his seat between former Rep. and judge Mitch Theriot, R-Raceland, and Jerry Gisclair, D-Larose. Theriot got 37 percent to Gisclair's 32 percent in the four-person race.

**House District 55:** In term-limited Rep. Warren Triche's seat, there were four candidates. There will be a **runoff** between Jerome Richard, I-Thibodaux, and Mike Matherne, D-Thibodaux . Matherne beat out the third place finisher by two votes. Richard had 41 percent to Matherne's 25 percent.

**House District 56:** Incumbent Rep. Gary Smith, D-Norco, was reelected to another term, defeating his one opponent with 58 percent of the vote.

**House District 57:** In term-limited Rep. Bobby Faucheux's seat there will be a **runoff** between Nickie Monica, R-LaPlace, and Geri Baloney, D-Garyville . This was a six-person race. Baloney made the runoff by 36 votes over the third place finisher.

**House District 58:** In term-limited Rep. Roy Quezairé's seat, LABI-supported Elton Aubert, D-Vacherie, got 40 percent of the vote in a three-person race. He will face Troy Brown, D-Paincourtville, who received 36 percent of the vote, in a **runoff**.

**House District 59:** Incumbent Rep. Eddie Lambert, R-Prairieville, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 60:** Incumbent Rep. Karen St. Germain, D-Pierre Part, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 61:** Incumbent Michael Jackson, D-Baton Rouge, defeated his one opponent with 67 percent of the vote and returns for four more years.

**House District 62:** Incumbent Rep. Tom McVea, R-St. Francisville, defeated two opponents with 57 percent of the vote and won in the primary.

**House District 63:** Incumbent Rep. Avon Honey, D-Baton Rouge, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 64:** Incumbent Rep. Bodi White, R-Watson, got 77 percent over two opponents and is reelected.

**House District 65:** In term-limited Rep. Don Kennard's seat, former Justice of the Peace Cliff Richardson, R-Baton Rouge, defeated one opponent with 66 percent of the vote and won election.

**House District 66:** Incumbent Rep. Hunter Greene, R-Baton Rouge, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 67:** In term-limited Rep. Yvonne Dorsey's seat, LABI-supported Pat Smith and Baton Rouge Councilwoman Lori Burgess, D-Baton Rouge, will face each other in a **runoff**. Burgess got 39 percent and Smith got 36 percent of the vote in this three-person race.

**House District 68:** This is a three-person race to replace term-limited Rep. William Daniel. Kyle Ardoin, R-Baton Rouge, led with 41 percent to Steve Carter's, R-Baton Rouge, 39 percent, and they will face each other in **runoff**.

**House District 69:** In term-limited Rep. Gary Beard's district, it was a battle of four Republicans. Homebuilder Erich Ponti, R-Baton Rouge, received 32 percent of the vote and will face in a **runoff** former Entergy spokesperson Bill Benedetto, R-Baton Rouge, who got 28 percent of the vote.

**House District 70:** In term-limited Rep. Carl Crane's district, there will be a **runoff** between East Baton Rouge Parish Councilman Pat Culbertson, R-Baton Rouge, who received 49 percent, and attorney Franklin Foil, R-Baton Rouge, who received 40 percent. It was a three-person race.

**House District 71:** Rep. Dale Erdey chose to move to the Senate, and five people qualified to take his place. There will be **runoff** between former Livingston Parish School Superintendent J. Rogers Pope, R-Denham

Springs, and economic developer John Ware, R-Denham Springs. Pope had 35 percent to Ware's 21 percent.

**House District 72:** In a battle of five Democrats to replace term-limited Rep. Robbie Carter, attorney John Bel Edwards, D-Amite, got 44 percent and will face George Tucker, who received 18 percent, in a **runoff**.

**House District 73:** In term-limited Rep. Tank Powell's seat, there were four candidates. Steve Pugh, R- Ponchatoula, got 44 percent to lead and will face Michelle Aycock, R- Ponchatoula, who got 24 percent, in a **runoff**.

**House District 74:** Rep. Mike Strain decided to run for commissioner of agriculture, and five people decided to run to replace him. Scott Simon, R-Abita Springs, almost won without a runoff with 49 percent of the vote. He will face Adam Ackal, R-Abita Springs, with 29 percent in a **runoff**.

**House District 75:** Incumbent Rep. Harold Ritchie, D-Franklinton, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 76:** Rep. A.G. Crowe decided to run for the Senate, and four candidates ran to replace him. Ray Canada, R-Slidell, placed first with 41 percent, followed by his **runoff** opponent, Kevin Pearson, R-Slidell, who had 29 percent.

**House District 77:** Three candidates vied for term-limited Rep. Diane Winston's seat. John Schroder, R-Covington, ran first with 46 percent of the vote and will meet in a **runoff** Colleen Hawley, R-Madisonville, who received 41 percent of the vote.

**House District 78:** In term-limited Rep. Shirley Bowler's district, there were five candidates, and there will be a **runoff**. Kirk Talbot, R-River Ridge, with 35 percent will face Tiffany Wilkin, R-Harahan, who received 31 percent.

**House District 79:** Five people vied for the open seat formerly occupied by term-limited Rep. Danny Martiny. There will be a **runoff** between Tony Ligi, R-Metairie, who received 42 percent of the vote and George Branigan, R-Metairie, who received 23 percent of the vote.

**House District 80:** A bit of surprise in term-limited Rep. Charlie Lancaster's seat. Joseph Lopinto, R-Metairie, defeated late Sheriff Harry Lee's nephew Glenn Lee, R-Metairie, with 59 percent of the vote in a two-person race.

**House District 81:** Incumbent Rep. John LaBruzzo, R-New Orleans, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 82:** In term-limited Rep. Steve Scalise's district, his former aide Cameron Henry, R-Jefferson, won in a two-person race with 57 percent of the vote.

**House District 83:** Former Westwego Mayor Robert Billiot, a Democrat, will face Danyelle Taylor, R-Westwego, in a **runoff**. Billiot had 36 percent to Taylor's 34 percent in the four-person race.

**House District 84:** Newcomer Rep. Pat Connick, R-Harvey, was elected without opposition.

**House District 85:** In term-limited Rep. Joe Toomy's district, LABI-supported Ricky Templet, R-Gretna, easily defeated his one opponent with 74 percent of the vote.

**House District 86:** Incumbent Rep. Jim Tucker, R-Terrytown, was reelected without opposition.

**House District 87:** Incumbent Rep. Terrell Harris, D-Marrero, did not seek reelection, and Girod Jackson, D-Marrero, won the seat without opposition.

**House District 88:** Incumbent Rep. Mert Smiley, R-St. Amant, won reelection without opposition.

**House District 89:** Incumbent Rep. Tim Burns, R-Mandeville, won reelection without opposition.

**House District 90:** Newcomer Rep. Greg Cromer, R-Slidell, won election without opposition.

**House District 91:** Rep. Jalila Jefferson-Bullock decided to run for the Senate. Seven candidates entered the race to replace her. There will be a **runoff** between Walt Leger, III, a Democrat, who received 38 percent of the vote, and Judy Bajoie-Phillips, a Democrat, who received 25 percent.

**House District 92:** In term-limited Rep. Glenn Ansardi's district, there was a three-person race and there will be a **runoff** between Tom Willmott, R-Kenner, who received 46 percent of the vote and Michael McMyne, R-Kenner, who received 32 percent of the vote.

**House District 93:** Incumbent Rep. Karen Carter, D-New Orleans, was easily reelected with 79 percent of the vote against her one opponent.

**House District 94:** Incumbent Rep. Nick Lorusso, R-New Orleans, who was elected earlier this year to replace Rep. Peppi Bruneau, who resigned, will face a **runoff**. Lorusso was in a four-person race and got 49 percent of the vote. He will again face Deborah Langhoff, D-New Orleans, who received 29 percent of the vote.

**House District 95:** In term-limited Rep. Alex Heaton's seat, eight candidates ran. LABI-supported Una Anderson, D-New Orleans, was the top vote-getter with 33 percent. She will face Walker Hines, D-New Orleans, who received 19 percent of the vote, in a **runoff**.

**House District 96:** Incumbent Rep. Juan LaFonta, D-New Orleans, won reelection without opposition.

**House District 97:** Incumbent Rep. J.P. Morrell, D-New Orleans, won reelection without opposition.

**House District 98:** Rep. Cheryl Gray decided to run for the Senate, and her open seat then drew five candidates. There will be a **runoff** between Neil Abramson, D-New Orleans, and James Johnson, D-New Orleans. Abramson had 43 percent to Johnson's 23 percent.

**House District 99:** Incumbent Rep. Charmaine Marchand, D-New Orleans, easily won reelection with 75 percent of the vote.

**House District 100:** Incumbent Rep. Austin Badon, D-New Orleans, easily won reelection with 72 percent of the vote.

**House District 101:** Incumbent Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-New Orleans, trounced his opponent with 73 percent of the vote and won another four years.

**House District 102:** Incumbent Rep. Jeff Arnold, D-New Orleans, defeated two opponents and was reelected with 61 percent of the vote.

**House District 103:** In term-limited Rep. Ken Odinet's open seat, it was a six-person race. Reed Henderson, D-Violet, had 22 percent and will take on Mark Madary, R-Arabi, who had 19 percent of the vote, in a **runoff**.

**House District 104:** Incumbent Rep. Nita Hutter, R-Chalmette, got 69 percent and was easily reelected over her one opponent.

**House District 105:** Incumbent Rep. Ernest Wooten, R-Belle Chasse, had one opponent, whom he easily defeated with 77 percent of the vote.

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