

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded
by _____ :

RESOLUTION NO. 02 of 2021
BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND THE CADDO PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Sections 5 and 22 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 3

Shall Article III, Section 3-07(A) of the Home Rule Charter for Caddo Parish, entitled "Commission Meetings and Rules." be amended to add the following at the end of Section 3-07(A):

(A) ... In the event of a national declaration of disaster or emergency, a state declaration of disaster or emergency, or a local declaration of disaster or emergency, within or affecting the geographical boundaries of Caddo Parish, the Commission shall meet via teleconference, video conference, or any technical digital means, to the extent allowed by law, to conduct all Caddo Parish Commission business, until it is declared to be safe for all to return to in-person meetings by a majority of the commissioners?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 3

Shall Article III, Section 3-07(H) of the Home Rule Charter for Caddo Parish, entitled "Commission Meetings and Rules." be amended to read as follows:

(H) The president shall be the head of the parish government for ceremonial purposes, for purposes of military law, and for purposes of The Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, but shall have no administrative duties with regard to the parish administration?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 3

Shall Article V of the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter be amended by deleting Section 5-05.2 pertaining to the Department of fleet services?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Caddo Citizen*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, published in Vivian, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021, at THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (3:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Caddo Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Caddo Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with an application requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Todd Hopkins	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lyndon B. Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Steven Jackson	_____	_____	_____	_____
John-Paul Young	_____	_____	_____	_____
Roy Burrell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lynn D. Cawthorne	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jim Taliaferro	_____	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mario Chavez	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ed Lazarus	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kenneth Epperson, Sr.	_____	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of January, 2021.

Clerk

President

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), on January 7, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Caddo, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$200,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Building, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**, at **THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (3:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Shreveport, Louisiana, on this, the 7th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

President

Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CADDO

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings taken by the Governing Authority on January 7, 2021, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, to amend the Caddo Parish Home Rule Charter; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Shreveport, Louisiana, on this, the 7th day of January, 2021.

Clerk