

# La. Voters Spring Surprises

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Louisiana voters sprang some surprises Saturday, lifting some new faces into political prominence, resurrecting some old ones, and leaving some very interesting questions to be settled Sept. 30 and Nov. 7.

In the only statewide balloting, J. Bennett Johnston rebounded from last year's defeat in the governor's election with an unmerciful trouncing of Frank "Demp" Allen to win the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate.

Johnston barely worked up a sweat in this tuneup for the Nov. 7 general election, where he awaits a showdown with political heavyweight former Gov. John J. McKeithen who is running as an independent. A Republican entry, as yet undetermined, will make this a complicated three-way contest.

WITH MORE than 98 per cent of the vote in, the results were: Johnston, 600,262, and Allen, 85,331.

This gave Johnston nearly 88 per cent of the vote, a figure that should give pause to his opponents despite the weakness of his foe.

In the U.S. congressional races, there was one remarkable comeback, that of former Rep. Gillis W. Long, who snapped a string of defeats to win the Democratic nomination from the Eighth District in the first primary. He has a GOP opponent in November, but the Republican is not widely known in the district.

TWO OLD FACES, First District Rep. F. Edward Hebert and Fourth District Rep. Joe D. Waggoner, went in without opposition, while three other incumbents had little trouble with their foes.

The three were Second District Rep. Hale Boggs of New Orleans, the House majority leader; Fifth District Rep. Otto Passman; and Sixth District Rep. John Rarick.

Sept. 30 runoffs were set up in the two districts (Third and Seventh) in which there were no incumbents.

In the Third District, Jefferson Parish voters will hold the balance of power in the second primary between state Rep. Carl A. Bauer of Franklin and Houma businessman J. Louis Watkins Jr.

With 94 per cent of the vote in, Bauer led Watkins 24,426 to 23,087. But more than 46,000 votes were distributed among seven losing candidates,

leaving the runoff wide open.

OF THESE, voters in Metairie and Kenner (the Jefferson part of the

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Third District) cast 12,727 for L. C. "Monty" Montgomery of Metairie and 6,578 for George Oubre of Norco.

Thus Jefferson will be wooed ardently by both Bauer and Watkins during the next six weeks.

Whoever wins will face the toughest Republican opposition in the state in November in the person of David C. Treen of Metairie, unless Treen elects to try his luck in the Senate race. Treen made a creditable showing early this year in the governors election.

In the Seventh District, John Breaux of Crowley led in his bid to succeed his former boss, Gov. Edwin W. Edwards, but was forced into a runoff by Gary Tyler of Lake Charles.

WITH 97 PER CENT of the vote counted in the race for the two-year term, Breaux had 49,161 to Tyler's 30,180, with four losing candidates dividing the rest.

Both races for seats on the Louisiana Supreme Court ended up in runoffs, with political newcomer Leon Sarpy holding a surprising lead over Pascual Calogero in one race and Civil District Judge Walter F. Marcus Jr. far ahead of District Attorney Jim Garrison in the other.

With almost 98 per cent of the votes counted, the results showed:

For two-year term—  
Sarpy, 77,369.  
Calogero, 66,012.  
Revius Ortique, 27,166.  
William Redmann, 21,873.  
For eight-year term—  
Marcus, 75,997.  
Garrison, 51,480.  
Joseph Bossetta, 36,168.  
L. Julian Samuel, 25,296.  
Earl Amedee, 11,799.

Sarpy, who once served as Rex, King of Carnival, took a giant step toward proving "once a king, always a king." He whipped Calogero, Mayor Moon Landrieu's candidate, 36,675 to 33,298, in New Orleans and also led him in Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes. Calogero led in St. Bernard, the

remaining parish in both the Supreme Court districts.

GARRISON, ONCE considered unbeatable in the city, also lost New Orleans as Marcus blitzed him 45,217 to 25,426. Marcus narrowly won Jefferson and St. Bernard and ran away with Plaquemines, 3,937 to 782 for Garrison.

A crowded field in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal race was led by Lawyer Patrick Schott, who will face Francis J. Demarest Jr., Orleans Parish recorder of mortgages, in the runoff.

In Orleans Parish judgeship races, three incumbents won easily but Criminal District Judge Frank J. Shea was forced into a runoff with Salvatore

Panzeca, a lawyer.

RETAINING THEIR posts were Civil District Judge S. Sanford Levy, who beat Leo T. Heymann; Civil District Judge George C. Connolly Jr., who beat Councilman Peter Beer; and Juvenile Court Judge Leo B. Blessing, who topped two opponents.

Another runoff will be held in the election for a seat on the Louisiana Board of Education from the First Congressional District, consisting of downtown New Orleans and the parishes of St. Tammany, St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

Edward S. Bopp, a St. Bernard druggist, led with 93 per cent of the votes in but faced a runoff with Mrs. Maxine Copelin, a Tulane University instructor.

The result showed:

Bopp, 43,682.  
Copelin, 23,508.  
Mrs. Kathryn Coffey, 19,319.  
Charles C. LeBlanc, 7,317.

The runoff victor must face Republican Harvey Krefft of New Orleans Nov. 7.

IN SUBURBAN races, incumbent district attorneys in St. Bernard-Plaquemines and Jefferson parishes withstood stiff challenges to retain their posts.

In the much-publicized Jefferson Parish race, John M. Mamoulides topped James J. Donelon 39,811 to 36,902.

On the Plaquemines-St. Bernard race, Leander H. Perez Jr. had trouble, but retained his job. Perez got 14,770 votes to 10,614 for Manuel Fernandez.

In the same district (25th) incumbent Judges Eugene Leon (Division B) and August Nobile Jr., (Division A) withstood challenges from Melvyn Perez and Thomas McBride, respectively. In the race for the newly created Division D, Preston Hufft of Belle Chasse apparently defeated Stephen Perez of St. Bernard.

IN OTHER Jefferson Parish races, incumbent First Parish Court Judge Douglas Allen beat John J. Maxwell 29,214 to 17,567, but three other judgeship races went into runoffs.

In two district judge races in the 24th district (Jefferson), it will be Thomas C. Wicker Jr. vs George "Pat" Hand for Division H and Wallace C. LeBrun vs. A. Russell Roberts in Division I.

For Juvenile Court J. judge, Sol Gothard will run it off with George Gillespie Jr.

In the Jefferson Parish school board race, there will be runoffs for two seats on both the East and West

EAST BANK, Incumbents

Sr. and Warren V.

against newcom-

Henry E.

with no

off