

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 146 JBE 2016

**RECALL ELECTION – PARISH OF DESOTO –
MITCHELL LEWIS, ALDERMAN, DISTRICT C, CITY OF MANSFIELD**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1300.1, *et seq.*, any public officer, except judges of the courts of record, may be recalled provided that statutory mandates are met;
- WHEREAS,** a recall petition has been filed with the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of DeSoto seeking the recall of Mitchell Lewis, Alderman, District C, City of Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto;
- WHEREAS,** the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of DeSoto, has reviewed, certified, and forwarded to the Governor the recall petition with certification that the number of names appearing on the petition is three hundred and twenty-seven (327); the number of qualified electors in the voting area whose signatures appear on the petition is three hundred and sixteen (316); and the total number of electors in the voting area as of the date of the filing of the recall petition with the Secretary of State was seven hundred and forty (740);
- WHEREAS,** forty percent (40%) of 740 voters would require at least two hundred and ninety-six (296) valid signatures on the petition to satisfy the statutory requirements for a recall election for an area with less than one thousand (1,000) qualified electors residing in the voting area;
- WHEREAS,** the recall petition was signed by at least forty (40%) percent of the electors of the voting area, as required by La. R.S. 18:1300.2(B);
- WHEREAS,** it is the opinion of the Attorney General (*see* Attorney General Opinion No. 16-0155) that the petition seeking the recall of Mitchell Lewis, Alderman, District C, City of Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto, complies with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1300.1 *et seq.*; and
- WHEREAS,** the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1300.7 direct that when the certification of the Registrar of Voters demonstrates the required number of qualified electors of the voting area signed the petition, the Governor shall issue a proclamation ordering an election to be held on the next available date specified in La. R.S. 18:402(F) for the purpose of voting on the question of the recall of said officer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special election shall be held within District C of the City of Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto, on Saturday, December 10, 2016, for the purpose of voting on the question of whether Mitchell Lewis, Alderman, District C, City of Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto, shall be recalled.

SECTION 2: The officers charged by law with duties in connection with the recall election described in Section 1 shall cause the special election to be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016, and the returns thereof to be made in the manner and form prescribed by law.

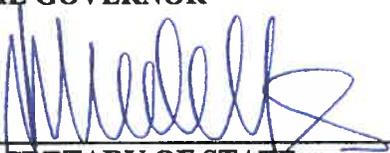


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 10th day of October, 2016.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE