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Following the Louisiana legislative session, MarblePort Polling is reviewing public impression of the Legislature's work on several top issues, primarily the SAVE Act which is seen as a budget gimmick. MarblePort is also the first firm to test the 2016 Presidential race in Louisiana, finding that Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton would beat Governor Bobby Jindal in the state. Additionally, MarblePort surveyed the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General races in Louisiana. This is MarblePort's third Louisiana survey and intends to be in the field again later this summer. This survey is of 1415 likely Louisiana voters on June 17 with a margin of error of 2.6%.

### **Jindal for President**

Governor Bobby Jindal is expected to announce his candidacy for President next week. MarblePort Polling looked at how Bobby Jindal would do against Hillary Clinton in Louisiana. In a head to head against Clinton, Jindal is losing.

Clinton	44.5%
Jindal	42%
Undecided	13.5%

### **Race for Governor**

The Louisiana Governor's race remains largely unchanged from our March survey and our May 2015 survey. Retired Lt. General Russel Honore recently said he will decide if he is running for Governor by July 1<sup>st</sup> so MarblePort tested the Governor's ballot with Honore and without. A potential Honore entrance appears like it will not affect the race. While Honore takes a few points from each candidate, he lessens the undecided vote. According to this survey, neither Honore, Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne nor PSC Commissioner Scott Angelle can catch State Rep. John Bel Edwards, even if one were able to receive all of the undecided votes. Edwards keeps a more than 15 point lead over the next closest candidate and a lock on the second runoff spot.

Angelle, who has been advertising on TV in nearly every Louisiana market, has shown upward growth. He's now virtually tied with Jay Dardenne.

#### **Governor's Ballot Without Honore:**

Vitter	34.1%
Edwards	28.8%
Angelle	11.1%
Dardenne	10.4%
Undecided	15.6%

#### **Governors Ballot With Honore**

Vitter	32.7%
Edwards	26.5%
Angelle	10.1%
Dardenne	9.5%
Honore	7.9%

Undecided 13.3%

With Vitter as the front runner, we also tested head to head contests with each candidate.

Vitter (49.6) vs Edwards (37.5) Undecided (12.9)

Vitter (51.8) vs Dardenne (32.3) Undecided (15.9)

Vitter (49.2) vs Angelle (30.7) Undecided (20.1)

Vitter (54.3) vs Honore (28.5) Undecided (17.2)

## Louisiana Legislature

The recently passed SAVE Act is largely seen as a gimmick. 70.5% thinks this is short term gimmick versus 11.9% who believe this is a long term budget solution. 17.6 % were undecided or had no opinion.

Medical Marijuana is favored by 54.1% and opposed by 30.2% of likely Louisiana voters. 15.8 % are undecided.

Jindal has caused a dangerous political environment for incumbent Republican legislators. Only 42.2% said they will vote for a generic Republican candidate in their State legislative district this fall. 32.9% said they will support a generic Democrat.

The current environment has caused a trend in Louisiana shifting slightly more favorable for Democrats.

## Race for Lt. Governor

Baton Rouge Mayor Kip Holden continues to be the front runner. His Baton Rouge base, and being the sole Democrat will likely secure him in a runoff. The race for the second spot is tight with former Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser holding a slight advantage over Jefferson Parish President John Young. State Sen. Elbert Guillory, who recently announced he is running, trails with 5%

Holden 28.5%

Nungesser 19.3%

Young 17.9%

Guillory 5%

Undecided 29.3%

## Race for Attorney General

Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy is still considering the AG race. Although Roy has not announced he is running and has little statewide name recognition, being the sole Democrat is to his advantage. He is polling at 23.7%. Jeff Landry trails Roy by 3 and incumbent Buddy Caldwell by 6 points, and is well within striking distance with a large number of undecided voters. This race could go down to the wire as to which two candidates will make the runoff.

Caldwell 26.7%

Roy 23.7%

Landry 20.8%

Undecided 28.8%