AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1161.4 and to repeal R.S. 45:1161.5, relative to redistricting; to provide for election districts for the Public Service Commission; to provide for election of commissioners; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 45:1161.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1161.4. Public Service Commission districts

A. The state shall be divided into the following five Public Service Commission districts, and one commissioner shall be elected from each district:

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1 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-17, 5-18, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A, 14-19, 14-20, 14-21, 16-1, 16-1A, 17-1, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19, and 17-20 of Orleans Parish; Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; Precincts 2-5, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 7-2, and 7-3 of St. Charles Parish; St. Helena Parish; St. Tammany Parish; Tangipahoa Parish; and Washington Parish.

(2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 41, 43, 61, 62, 63, 64, 71, 72, 76, 77, and 78 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 2-3, 2-4, 3-1, 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-3, 5-5, 6-1, 7-2, 7-3, 8-1, and 9-1 of Assumption Parish; Precincts 1-7, 1-8, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-56, 1-57, 1-64, 1-65, 1-69, 1-72, 1-74, 1-75, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89, 1-90, 1-98, 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-21, 2-26, 2-33, 2-35, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-10, 3-11, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-21, 3-22, 3-25, 3-26, 3-27, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39, 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-64, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, and 3-71 of East Baton Rouge Parish; East Feliciana Parish; Precincts 4, 5, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of Iberville Parish; Lafayette Parish; Lafourche Parish; Precincts 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2, 2A, 3A, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5B, 5C, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 23, 23A, 23B, 23C, 24, 24B, 24C, 25, 26, 26A, 26B, 26C, 27, 28A, 28B, 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 39, 39A, 39B, 40, 40A, and 41 of Livingston Parish; Pointe Coupee Parish; Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 of St. Martin Parish; Terrebonne Parish; Precincts 1A, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 7A, 7B, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of West Baton Rouge Parish; and West Feliciana Parish.


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(4) District 4 is composed of Acadia Parish; Allen Parish; Avoyelles Parish; Beauregard Parish; Calcasieu Parish; Cameron Parish; Evangeline Parish; Grant Parish; Iberia Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish; LaSalle Parish; Rapides Parish; St. Landry Parish; Precincts 1 and 2 of St. Martin Parish; St. Mary Parish; Vermilion Parish; and Vernon Parish.

(5) District 5 is composed of Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Caddo Parish; Caldwell Parish; Catahoula Parish; Claiborne Parish; Concordia Parish; DeSoto Parish; East Carroll Parish; Franklin Parish; Jackson Parish; Lincoln Parish; Madison Parish; Morehouse Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Ouachita Parish; Red River Parish; Richland Parish; Sabine Parish; Tensas Parish; Union Parish; Webster Parish; West Carroll Parish; and Winn Parish.

B. Each commissioner in office on January 1, 2023, shall be the commissioner for the district as composed in this Section having the same designation as the district from which the commissioner was elected and may complete the term for which he was elected.

Section 2. R.S. 45:1161.5 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the
State of Louisiana as validated through the data verification program of the Louisiana House
of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate and available on the legislature's website on the
effective date of this Section.

(B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
designated.

(C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by
the parish governing authority.

Section 4.(A)(1) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for election and the election
of members of the Public Service Commission from Districts 3 and 4 at the regularly
scheduled election for such offices in 2022, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall
become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the
governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the
governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(2) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for any special election and any special
election of members of the Public Service Commission to fill a vacancy in such an office
occurring between the effective date of this Section and January 1, 2023, the provisions of
Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or,
if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without
signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of
Louisiana. Any person elected to fill such a vacancy shall be the commissioner for the
district as composed in R.S. 45:1161.5 having the same designation as the district from
which the commissioner's predecessor was elected until January 1, 2023, after which time
the commissioner shall be the commissioner for the district as provided in Section 1 of this
Act.
If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval for the purposes established in this Subsection.

(B) For subsequent elections of members of the Public Service Commission and for all other purposes, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

(C) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

(D) The provisions of this Section and Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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