

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 36

2026 Regular Session

Butler

June 1, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 36 by Representative Butler, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Cloud (#4536) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 though 5 in their entirety and at the beginning of line 6, delete "commissioners for the district;" and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(1) through (8) and to enact R.S. 15:1109.1(C) and 1109.5(D) and (E), relative to the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; to provide for appointment to the board of commissioners; to provide for the power to levy taxes, incur debt, and issue bonds; to provide for vacancies;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 12 through 19 in their entirety, delete page 2 in its entirety, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 14 in their entirety, and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(1) through (8) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:1109.1(C) and 1109.5(D) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1109.1. Board of commissioners; appointments; terms

A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission is hereby created to control, administer, and manage the affairs of the district. The commission shall be composed of a board of eleven commissioners who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing within Acadia Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Acadia Parish,~~ and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than fifty seven thousand five hundred and less than fifty eight thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(2) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing in Allen Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Thirty-Third Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Allen Parish,~~ and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than twenty two thousand five hundred and less than twenty three thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(3) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing within Evangeline Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Evangeline Parish,~~ and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than thirty two thousand three hundred and less than thirty three thousand persons

according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(4) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing within Iberia Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney of the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Iberia Parish,~~ and the president of a parish having a population of more than sixty nine thousand and less than seventy thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(5) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing in Jefferson Davis Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Thirty-First Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Jefferson Davis Parish,~~ and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than thirty two thousand two hundred and less than thirty two thousand three hundred persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(6) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing in St. Landry Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of St. Landry Parish,~~ and the president of a parish having a population of more than eighty two thousand and less than eighty three thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(7) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing within St. Martin Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of St. Martin Parish,~~ and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than fifty one thousand five hundred and less than fifty two thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

(8) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing in St. Mary Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of St. Mary Parish,~~ and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than forty nine thousand and less than fifty thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

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C. Failure of appointed members to attend two consecutive meetings shall be cause for termination from the commission and the position shall be deemed vacant by notifying the appropriate appointing party. The appointing authority shall have ninety days to fill the vacancy.

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§1109.5. Power to levy taxes, incur debt, and issue bonds

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D. The board shall provide written notice, at least thirty days prior to the date of any meeting, at which the board may consider and take action on a matter set forth in this Section, and such written notice shall be provided to the governing authority of each of the parishes that comprise the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 15:1109.3(C), any action or resolution authorizing the levy of a tax pursuant to this Section shall be required to be approved by every member of the board and shall be subsequently approved, by written resolution or other authorized form, by the governing authority of each of the parishes that comprise the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District, prior to any such measure being placed on the ballot."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, at the beginning of line 15, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Heather Miley Cloud

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Representative Bryan Fontenot

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Senator Beth Mizell

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Representative Debbie Villio

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Senator Kirk Talbot

DIGEST

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

JUVENILES: Removes Evangeline Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Added the president of each parish member's police jury as a joint appointing authority for each respective commissioner who serves on the board of commissioner for the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission.
2. Made technical changes.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Add each president of parishes with certain population thresholds as a joint appointing authority for each respective commissioner who serves on the board of commissioners for the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission.
2. Provide termination procedures for appointed board members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings, provides for notice of vacancy, and provides the appointing authority with 90 days to fill the vacancy.
3. Require the board to provide written notice to each member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District at least 30 days prior to the date of any meeting at which the board may consider and take action on a matter relative to the levying of taxes, incurrence of debts, or issuance of bonds.
4. Require that any action or resolution that authorizes the levy of a tax be approved by every board member and be subsequently approved by the governing authority of each of the parishes that comprise the district before placement of such measure on the ballot.
5. Make technical changes.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law (R.S. 15:1109.1) provides for the membership of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission for each respective commissioner who serves on the commission.

Proposed law amends present law to add the president of parishes with certain population thresholds as a joint appointing authority.

Proposed law provides that the failure of the appointed members to attend two consecutive meetings is cause for termination from the commission. Further provides for the vacancy of the position by notifying the appropriate appointing party and provides the appointing authority with 90 days to fill the vacancy.

Present law (R.S. 15:1109.5) provides for the power of the board of commissioners of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy taxes, incur debt, and issue bonds.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the board to provide written notice at least 30 days prior to the date of any meeting at which the board may consider and take action on a matter relative to the levying of taxes, incurrence of debts, or issuance of bonds as set forth in present law (R.S. 15:1109.5). Further requires that such written notice be provided to the governing authority of each of the parishes that comprise the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District (district).

Proposed law requires that any action or resolution that authorizes the levy of a tax pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:1109.5) be approved by every member of the board and be subsequently approved, by written resolution or other authorized form, by the governing authority of each of the parishes that comprise the district before the measure is placed on the ballot.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(1)-(8); Adds R.S. 15:1109.1(C) and 1109.5(D) and (E))