

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Changes the composition of the election sections of the Fourteenth Judicial District and the assignment of judges and the magistrate judge to those election sections for election purposes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(14), 589(A), and 621.14, relative to the Fourteenth
3 Judicial District; to provide for the election of judges in the Fourteenth Judicial
4 District; to provide for the composition of the election sections for the election of
5 judges; to provide for the election sections from which the judges are elected; to
6 provide relative to the election of the magistrate judge of the Fourteenth Judicial
7 District; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:477(14), 589(A), and 621.14 are hereby amended and reenacted
10 to read as follows:

11 §477. Judicial districts

12 There shall be forty-one judicial districts in the state and each district shall
13 be composed as follows:

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15 (14) The parish of Calcasieu shall compose the Fourteenth District. The
16 Fourteenth District shall consist of three election sections.

17 (a) Election section one shall consist of Precincts ~~30, 31, 31A, 100, 101, 102,~~
18 ~~103S, 104E, 104W, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 112E, 112W, 113, 117E, 117W, 123N,~~
19 ~~123S-A & 123S-B, 124A & 124B, and 125~~ 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308,

1 309E, 309W, 310, 311, 312, 313E, 313W, 315E, 320E, 320W, 321, 322, 323, 324,
2 328, 329, 330, 360, and 361 of Calcasieu Parish.

3 (b) Election section two shall consist of Precincts ~~10E, 10W, 11, 12A & 12B,~~
4 ~~13, 20, 21, 22, 32N, 32S-A & 32S-B, 33A, 34, 40, 41E, 41W, 42E, 42W, 50, 52, 53,~~
5 ~~60, 61, 62, 63E, 63W, 80, 81, 81A*, 111, 114A & 114B, 115, 116, 118E, 118W,~~
6 ~~119NE, 119NW, 119SE, 119SW, 120, 121, 122, 126A, 126C-A & 126C-B, 126E,~~
7 ~~126W, 170, 171, 172, 173, 190, 191, 200A & 200B, and 201~~ 160E, 160W, 161,
8 162E, 162W, 163, 164, 165, 166E, 166W, 167, 260, 261, 262, 306, 314, 315W,
9 316E, 316W, 317, 318, 319N, 319S, 325, 326, 327, 331, 332N, 332S, 333, 334, 335,
10 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 362, 364, 369, 370, 371N, 371S, 440, 441, 460E, 460W,
11 461, 463, 464, 560, 561, 562, 600, 601, 602, 603, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 800, 801,
12 860N, 860S, 861E, and 861W of Calcasieu Parish.

13 (c) Election section three shall consist of Precincts ~~33B, 33E, 33W-A &~~
14 ~~33W-B, 35N-A & 35N-B, 35S, 43, 44N, 44S-A & 44S-B, 45, 46, 70, 71, 72, 110,~~
15 ~~150, 151, 152, 153, 155A & 155B, 156, 157, 158, 180, 181, 182, and 183~~ 363, 365,
16 366, 367, 368, 372, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 465, 466E, 466W,
17 467, 468, 469, 700, 701, 702, 703, 760, 761 and 762 of Calcasieu Parish.

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19 §589. Fourteenth Judicial District Court; magistrate judge

20 A. The office of magistrate judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court
21 is hereby created and shall be an elected position. The magistrate judge shall be
22 elected from election ~~sections~~ section one and three combined. The initial election
23 shall occur in the fall of 2020 and the elected term shall begin January 1, 2021. The
24 magistrate judge shall serve a six-year term. The position is a full-time position, and
25 the magistrate judge is prohibited from practicing law.

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27 §621.14. Fourteenth Judicial District

28 The Fourteenth Judicial District Court shall have nine judges. ~~Two~~ Three
29 judges, Divisions F, ~~and H,~~ and I, shall be elected from election section one; four

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 judges, Divisions B, C, D, and G, shall be elected from election section two; and two
2 judges, Divisions A and E, shall be elected from election section three; ~~and one~~
3 ~~judge, Division I, shall be elected from election sections one and three combined.~~

4 Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
5 named "2018 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the Louisiana House of Representatives
6 website. The 2018 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs)
7 contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of Louisiana
8 as those files have been modified by the staff of the Legislature of Louisiana to represent
9 precinct changes submitted through July 3, 2018, to the Legislature of Louisiana by parish
10 governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

11 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
12 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
13 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
14 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
15 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
16 designated. The territorial limits of the election sections as provided in this Act shall
17 continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the
18 parish governing authority.

19 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
23 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 270 Original

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Abstract: Changes the composition of the election sections of the Fourteenth Judicial District and the assignment of judges and the magistrate judge to those election sections for election purposes.

Present law provides that the parish of Calcasieu shall compose the Fourteenth District and further provides that the Fourteenth District shall consist of three election sections and provides for the composition of those election sections.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the composition of election sections one, two, and three (see attached map and statistics).

Present law provides that the Fourteenth Judicial District Court shall have nine judges. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that two judges (Divisions F and H) shall be elected from election section one, four judges (Divisions B, C, D, and G) be elected from election section two, two judges (Divisions A and E) shall be elected from election section three, and one judge (Division I) shall be elected from election sections one and three combined.

Proposed law provides instead Division I shall only be assigned to election section one for election purposes, so that three judges (Divisions F, H, and I) shall be elected from election section one and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the Fourteenth Judicial District shall have a magistrate judge who is elected from election sections one and three combined.

Proposed law provides instead that the magistrate judge is elected from election section one only.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in proposed law are those contained in the file named "2018 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Specifies that the 2018 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. as those files have been modified by the staff of the legislature to represent precinct changes submitted through July 3, 2018, to the legislature by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532 and 532.1).

Proposed law additionally provides that when a precinct is subdivided on a nongeographic or geographic basis under present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the general precinct designation in the district description includes all nongeographic and geographic subdivisions of the precinct, and specifies that the territorial limits of the election sections as provided in proposed law shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for Louisiana. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:477(14), 589(A), and 621.14)

Plan Statistics

<u>Districts:</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Actual Population</u>	<u>Ideal Population</u>	<u>Absolute Deviation</u>	<u>Relative Deviation</u>
Election Section 1	3	38,751	64,254	-25,503	-39.691%
Election Section 2	4	103,240	85,672	17,568	20.506%
Election Section 3	2	50,777	42,836	7,941	18.538%
Grand Total:	9	192,768	192,762		

Ideal Population Per Member:	21418		
Number of Districts for Plan Type:	3		
Range of District Populations:	38,751	to	103,240
Absolute Mean Deviation:	14,357		
Absolute Range:	-25,503	to	17,568
Absolute Overall Range:	43,071		
Relative Mean Deviation:	26.25%		
Relative Range:	-39.69%	to	20.51%
Relative Overall Range:	60.20%		

<i>Ideal - Actual:</i>	-6
<i>Remainder:</i>	6
<i>Unassigned Population:</i>	0

District Geography

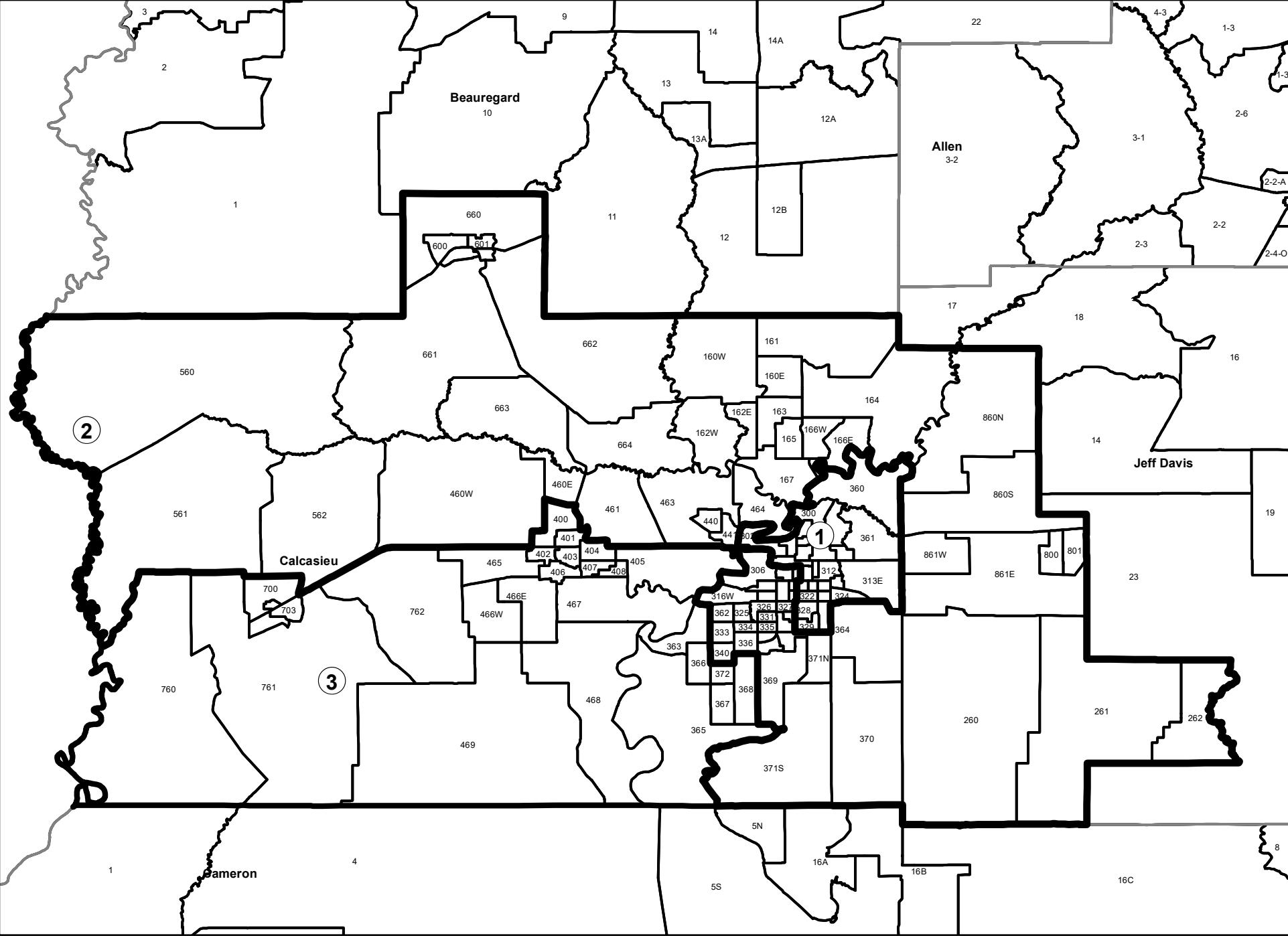
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Plan: Proposed 14th JDC (W. Carter - 20RS-501)

Plan Type: 14th Judicial District Court

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total Other	Reg Total Dec 2018	Reg White Dec 2018	Reg Black Dec 2018	Reg Other Dec 2018	Reg Dem Total Dec 2018	Reg Rep Total Dec 2018	Reg Other Total Dec 2018
Calcasieu												
Election Section 1	38,751	7,317	30,460	190	537	23,836	3,861	19,081	894	16,657	1,756	5,423
	100.000%	18.882%	78.604%	0.490%	1.386%	83.442%	16.198%	80.051%	3.751%	69.882%	7.367%	22.751%
Election Section 2	103,240	83,783	15,739	1,680	1,168	67,350	54,941	9,695	2,714	23,491	24,121	19,738
	100.000%	81.154%	15.245%	1.627%	1.131%	86.523%	81.575%	14.395%	4.030%	34.879%	35.814%	29.307%
Election Section 3	50,777	45,414	3,626	680	548	32,594	29,317	2,030	1,247	9,927	12,846	9,821
	100.000%	89.438%	7.141%	1.339%	1.079%	87.269%	89.946%	6.228%	3.826%	30.457%	39.412%	30.131%
Calcasieu	192,768	136,514	49,825	2,550	2,253	123,780	88,119	30,806	4,855	50,075	38,723	34,982
	100.000%	70.818%	25.847%	1.323%	1.169%	86.104%	71.190%	24.888%	3.922%	40.455%	31.284%	28.261%

Proposed 14th JDC Election Sections



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