

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Changes the territorial jurisdiction of justices of the peace and constables in Pointe Coupee Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2612, relative to territorial limits of justices of the peace and
3 constables; to provide for the number of justices of the peace and constables elected
4 in Pointe Coupee Parish; to provide relative to elections; to provide for applicability;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2612 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2612. Territorial jurisdiction; Pointe Coupee Parish justice of the peace courts and
9 constables

10 Effective ~~January 1, 1997~~ January 1, 2026, the territorial limits of the justice
11 of the peace courts and constables in Pointe Coupee Parish shall be the same as the
12 ~~parish police jury districts~~ eight parish council districts within the parish ~~and the~~
13 ~~persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for those courts~~
14 ~~at the 1996 congressional election shall be elected from those districts.~~ If the police
15 ~~jury council~~ district lines are changed thereafter, the territorial jurisdiction of the
16 justice of the peace courts and constables shall also be changed to coincide with the
17 new ~~police jury council~~ district lines effective at the beginning of the next regular
18 term of office for justices of the peace and constables. However, in the event that the
19 change in ~~police jury council~~ district lines increases or reduces the number of ~~police~~

1 ~~jury council~~ districts, the territorial jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts and
2 constables shall not be changed but shall remain the same.

3 Section 2. This Act shall be effective for election purposes with the opening of the
4 qualifying period for the regularly scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of the peace
5 and constables, and the persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable
6 for such justice of the peace courts in Pointe Coupee Parish at the next regularly scheduled
7 election and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in this Act. The
8 provisions of this Act shall be effective for all other purposes beginning January 1, 2027.

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 51 Original

2021 Regular Session

LaCombe

Abstract: Changes the territorial jurisdiction for justices of the peace and constables in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Present law provides for 12 justices of the peace and constables in Pointe Coupee Parish, where territorial limits coincide with the 12 police jury districts.

Proposed law reduces the number of justices of the peace and constables from 12 to eight, whose territorial limits coincide with the eight parish council districts.

Proposed law provides for applicability at the election of justices of the peace and constables in 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:2612)