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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1276 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276.1, relative to congressional districts; to provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1276 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§1276. Congressional districts**

**Louisiana shall be divided into six congressional districts, and the qualified electors of each district shall elect one representative to the United States House of Representatives. The districts shall be composed as follows:**

**(1) District 1 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136, 192, 198, 199, 203, 246, 247, 248, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-KA, 6-KB, 7-KA, 7-KB, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 29-K, 34-K, 35-K, and 1-L of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 3-2, 3-3, 3-6, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 7-3, 8-1, 9-1, 9-2, 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, 10-5, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 10-15, 10-16, 11-1, and 11-2 of Lafourche Parish; Precincts 3-20, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-11, 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17, 5-18, 7-41, 7-42, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-18A, 14-19,**

1 14-21, 16-2, 16-3, 17-1, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19, and 17-20 of Orleans Parish;  
 2 Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; St. Tammany Parish; Precincts 48, 49,  
 3 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73, 74, 120, 122, 122A, 122B, 124, 124A, 137A, 141A, 145,  
 4 147, 149, 149A, and 151 of Tangipahoa Parish; and Precincts 11, 15, 19, 20, 21,  
 5 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58,  
 6 59, 60, 61, 63, 69, 71, 72, 83, 85, 88, 89, 90, 110, and 111 of Terrebonne Parish.

7 (2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 30, 36, 37, 39, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50,  
 8 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, and 65 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 4-3, 5-5,  
 9 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, and 7-1 of Assumption Parish; Precincts 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-10,  
 10 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26,  
 11 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-50, 1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67,  
 12 1-77, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-100, 1-101, 1-104, 2-1, 2-9,  
 13 2-11, 2-13, 2-16, 2-20, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24, and 2-30 of East Baton Rouge Parish;  
 14 Precincts 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13C, 14, 14A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and  
 15 23 of Iberville Parish; Precincts 104, 108, 115, 131, 133, 138, 150, 151, 152, 153,  
 16 154, 155, 156, 157A, 157B, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179A,  
 17 179B, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 193A, 193B,  
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 20 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G,  
 21 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 13-KB, 15-K, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K,  
 22 24-K, 26-K, 30-K, 31-K, 33-K, 1-W, 2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W, and 7-W of  
 23 Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6, 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 3-9,  
 24 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 4-2, 4-3, 4-5, 4-6, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10,  
 25 5-11, 5-12, 5-13, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8,  
 26 7-9A, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-17, 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-23,  
 27 7-24, 7-25, 7-25A, 7-26, 7-27, 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A, 7-29, 7-30, 7-32, 7-33, 7-35,  
 28 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 8-1, 8-2, 8-4, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-15, 8-19,  
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of Orleans Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3,  
4-4, 5-1, 5-3, 5-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, and 7-4 of St. Charles Parish; St.  
James Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-1, 3-2, 3-4, 4-1,  
4-2, 4-3, 4-14, 5-1, 5-8, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4, and 7-7 of St. John the Baptist Parish; and  
Precincts 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 6, 7B, 8, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 13A, 13B, 14, and 15 of  
West Baton Rouge Parish.

(3) District 3 is composed of Acadia Parish; Calcasieu Parish; Cameron  
Parish; Iberia Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish; Lafayette 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; Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39,  
40, 42, 43, and 44 of St. Mary Parish; and Vermilion Parish.

(4) District 4 is composed of Allen Parish; Beauregard Parish; Bienville  
Parish; Bossier Parish; Caddo Parish; Claiborne Parish; DeSoto Parish;

1 Evangeline Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-5, 3-1, 3-2, 5-3, and 7-1  
 2 of Grant Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Red River Parish; Sabine Parish; St.  
 3 Landry Parish; Union Parish; Vernon Parish; and Webster Parish.

4 (5) District 5 is composed of Avoyelles Parish; Caldwell Parish;  
 5 Catahoula Parish; Concordia Parish; East Carroll Parish; East Feliciana  
 6 Parish; Franklin Parish; Precincts 3-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 5-1, 5-2, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4,  
 7 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-4 of Grant Parish; Jackson Parish; LaSalle  
 8 Parish; Lincoln Parish; Madison Parish; Morehouse Parish; Ouachita Parish;  
 9 Pointe Coupee Parish; Rapides Parish; Richland Parish; St. Helena Parish;  
 10 Precincts 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27, 28, 33, 40, 40A, 41, 42, 42A, 43, 44, 45,  
 11 45A, 46, 47, 101, 102, 104, 104A, 105, 106, 106A, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111A, 112,  
 12 114, 115B, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120A, 120B, 121, 121A, 123, 125, 127, 127A, 129,  
 13 129A, 133, 133A, 137, 137B, 137C, 137D, 139, 141, 143, and 143A of Tangipahoa  
 14 Parish; Tensas Parish; Washington Parish; West Carroll Parish; West Feliciana  
 15 Parish; and Winn Parish.

16 (6) District 6 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
 17 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43, 58,  
 18 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, and 78 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 2-1,  
 19 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 3-1, 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 7-2, 7-3, 8-1, and 9-1 of Assumption  
 20 Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-12, 1-20, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39,  
 21 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55,  
 22 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-60, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74,  
 23 1-75, 1-76, 1-78, 1-79, 1-80, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-87, 1-88, 1-89, 1-90, 1-97, 1-98,  
 24 1-99, 1-102, 1-103, 1-105, 1-107, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-10, 2-12, 2-14,  
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1           3-71, and 3-72 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Precincts 4, 5, 13, 15B, 24, 25, 26,  
 2           27, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of Iberville Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-1,  
 3           2-1A, 2-2, 2-3, 2-3A, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 3-1,  
 4           3-4, 3-5, 5-1, 5-1A, 5-1B, 5-2, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 11-3, 11-4, and  
 5           11-5 of Lafourche Parish; Livingston Parish; Precincts 1-6, 2-6, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3,  
 6           5-5, 6-1, 6-2, and 6-4 of St. Charles Parish; Precincts 4-13, 5-4, 5-7, 7-2, 7-3, and  
 7           7-5 of St. John the Baptist Parish; Precincts 1 and 2 of St. Martin Parish;  
 8           Precincts 24, 41, and 45 of St. Mary Parish; Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13,  
 9           14, 16, 17, 18, 51, 64, 65, 67, 68, 73, 74, 76, 82, 84, 86, and 87 of Terrebonne  
 10           Parish and Precincts 2A, 3, 4, 5, 7A, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of West  
 11           Baton Rouge Parish.

12           Section 2. R.S. 18:1276.1 is hereby repealed.

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

18           (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
 19           parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
 20           governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 21           18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
 22           nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
 23           designated.

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

27           Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the term of office of any person  
 28           holding any position or office on the effective date of this Section for which the appointment  
 29           or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to R.S. 18:1276.1.  
 30           Any position or office that is filled by appointment or election based on a congressional

1 district and that is to be filled after January 3, 2023, shall be appointed or elected from a  
2 district as it is described in Section 1 of this Act.

3 Section 5.(A) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for election and the election of  
4 representatives to the United States Congress at the regularly scheduled election for  
5 representatives to the congress in 2022, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become  
6 effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon  
7 expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided  
8 in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the  
9 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of Section 1 of this  
10 Act shall become effective on the day following such approval for the purposes established  
11 in this Subsection.

12 (B) For subsequent elections of representatives to the United States Congress and for  
13 all other purposes, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective at noon on  
14 January 3, 2023.

15 (C) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective at noon on  
16 January 3, 2023.

17 (D) The provisions of this Section and Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become  
18 effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon  
19 expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided  
20 in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the  
21 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and  
22 Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

\_\_\_\_\_  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

## VETO MESSAGE

"Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 5 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2022.

This bill is the Legislature's effort to conduct the mandatory reapportionment of the congressional map for the United States House of Representatives. While much work was put into the development of this map by members of the Legislature, it is clear that the primary rationale behind the creation and passage of the map was to protect incumbents and to preserve the party split in the current congressional delegation. In so doing, the Legislature disregarded the shifting demographics of the state, which unquestionably call for the addition of a second majority minority district. Specifically, the Black voting age population in the state increased by 4.4% from the 2010 census to the 2020 census, resulting in the Black voting age population making up 31.2%, almost one-third of the State's population. Instead of accounting for this increase in population, the Legislature preserved the status quo and enacted a map where Black voters in five of the six congressional districts are deprived of the opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice.

It is my firm belief that this map violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and further is not in line with the principle of fundamental fairness that should have driven this process. In choosing this map, the Legislature rejected numerous alternative maps with two majority minority districts, which happen to be one-third of the six congressional districts, that would have given more Black voters an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice. While no electoral map is perfect, and no map is a guarantee of success for a certain candidate, these alternatives would have allowed for a fairer allocation of voting strength to a population that has been historically disadvantaged. As eloquently discussed by Senator Cleo Fields on the floor of the Senate, only five Black members from Louisiana have been elected and seated in the United States House of Representatives since statehood. This injustice cannot continue.

This veto need not be the conclusion of the Legislature's efforts to create a map that is in compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. There are multiple pre-filed bills for the 2022 Regular Session where the Legislature can - and should - enact a map that creates a second majority minority seat. By vetoing this bill, I am asking the Legislature to get back to work in a real effort at compromise and fairness. I remain confident that the Legislature can get this right."