
 DIGEST

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SB 193 Engrossed

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Present law provides relative to the redistricting of school boards after a census. Requires that school board districts be comprised of whole precincts but provides for limited exceptions.

Present law provides that any redistricting plan adopted by a school board that does not comply with present law will be null and void and no election will be held using any ballot based on such a plan. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a declaration of nullity regarding such a plan shall be made by a court of competent jurisdiction. Proposed law removes present law. Proposed law provides instead that a redistricting plan that violates present law is null and void by operation of law.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to notify a school board of the nullity.

Proposed law further provides that a plan that is null and void may be declared valid by a court of competent jurisdiction upon the petition of the school board.

Present law provides that the nullity of a plan shall not affect the validity or legality of actions taken by the school board elected pursuant to the null plan. Proposed law retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:71.3(E)(2)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Specify that any redistricting plan adopted by a school board that fails to comply with applicable statutory requirements is null and void.
2. Require the secretary of state to notify any school board that submits a plan declared null and void due to failure to comply with applicable statutory requirements of the nullity.
3. Clarify that any redistricting plan declared null and void due to failure to comply with applicable statutory requirements may be declared valid by a court of competent jurisdiction upon petition of the school board.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Conform present law provision regarding validity of acts taken by a school board despite nullity of the redistricting plan to proposed law providing for nullity by operation of law.