

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 926

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS AND GREEN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:312(5)(b)(i) and 312.1(E)(2), relative to the Fifth Circuit
3 Court of Appeal; to provide for the election of judges from the first district of the
4 Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; to provide for the redistricting of judges; to provide
5 for election sections; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for
6 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:312(5)(b)(i) and 312.1(E)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §312. Courts of appeal; circuits and districts

11 There shall be five court of appeal circuits, which shall be subdivided into
12 districts as follows:

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16 (b) Districts of the fifth circuit.

17 (i) The parish of Jefferson shall compose the first district of the fifth circuit.

18 The first district shall be further divided into ~~two~~ three election sections. ~~Election~~
19 ~~section one shall consist of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,~~
20 ~~17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39,~~
21 ~~40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66,~~
22 ~~67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89,~~

1 ~~90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 116, 117,~~
 2 ~~118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134,~~
 3 ~~136, 138, 152, 155, 157A, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179-A, 182, 183,~~
 4 ~~184, 185A, 185B, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 197C, 198,~~
 5 ~~199, 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212A, 212B, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B,~~
 6 ~~215, 216, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238,~~
 7 ~~246, 247, 248, 249, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G, 1-GI,~~
 8 ~~1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 13-KA, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-K,~~
 9 ~~7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 14-K, 15-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K,~~
 10 ~~27-K, 28-K, 29-K, 30-K, 34-K, 35-K, 1-L, 1-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W, and 7-W of~~
 11 ~~Jefferson Parish. Election section two shall consist of Precincts 104, 108, 115, 150,~~
 12 ~~151, 153, 154, 156, 157B, 179B, 180, 181, 187, 188, 200, 201, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K,~~
 13 ~~23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 31-K, 33-K, 173 and 2-W.~~

14 (aa) Election Section 1 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
 15 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,
 16 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61,
 17 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84,
 18 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106,
 19 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130,
 20 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 152, 155, 157A, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177,
 21 178, 179A, 182, 183, 185A, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193A, 193B, 198, 199, 202, 203,
 22 210, 211, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238A,
 23 238B, 246, 247, 248, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G,
 24 12-G, 13-G, 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,
 25 5-K, 6-KA, 6-KB, 7-KA, 7-KB, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K, 15-K,
 26 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 29-K, 30-K, 34-K, 35-K, 1-L,
 27 1-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W, and 7-W of Jefferson Parish.

28 (bb) Election Section 2 is composed of Precincts 104, 108, 115, 150, 151,
 29 153, 154, 156, 157B, 173, 179B, 180, 181, 187, 188, 200, 201, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K,
 30 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 31-K, 33-K, and 2-W of Jefferson Parish.

1 (cc) Election Section 3 is composed of Precincts 184, 185B, 194A, 194B,
2 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 204, 205, 212, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A,
3 216B, 216C, and 217 of Jefferson Parish.

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5 §312.1. Circuit court of appeal; domicile; number of judges; election

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7 E.

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9 ~~(2)(a)~~ Six judges shall be elected from the first district of the fifth circuit by
10 the qualified electors thereof in the manner provided in this Paragraph.

11 ~~(b)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph:

12 ~~(i)~~ (a) The first vacancy created by the death, resignation, retirement, or
13 removal of a judge of the first district who was elected by the qualified electors of
14 election section one occurring after ~~August 15, 2007,~~ the effective date of the Act
15 that originated as House Bill No. 926 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature
16 shall be filled by election from election section ~~two~~ three of the first district and such
17 judgeship shall be assigned to election section ~~two~~ three of the first district for
18 election purposes thereafter. However, if no election has occurred or is scheduled to
19 occur to fill a vacancy in such a judgeship from election section ~~two~~ three prior to
20 the opening of qualifying for the regular statewide elections in ~~2012~~ 2030, the
21 regular election to fill the judgeship designated as Division ~~G~~ B of the first district
22 shall be held in election section ~~two~~ three of the first district and such division shall
23 be assigned to election section ~~two~~ three for election purposes thereafter.

24 ~~(ii)~~ (b) At the time a judgeship is assigned to election section ~~two~~ three, ~~the~~
25 ~~remaining five~~ four judgeships in the first district shall be assigned to election
26 section one for election purposes thereafter.

27 (c) One judgeship shall be assigned to election section two.

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29 Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
30 named "2024 Precinct Shapefiles (01-10-2024)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's

1 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2024 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon
 2 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
 3 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through
 4 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana
 5 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 10, 2024, to the Legislature
 6 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and
 7 532.1.

8 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
 9 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
 10 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
 11 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
 12 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
 13 designated.

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____