
DIGEST

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Abstract: Reapportions election sections for the 19th Judicial District Court, provides for two election sections, and for one judge to be elected at large.

Statistical summaries of proposed law including maps illustrating proposed election section boundaries accompany this digest. (*Attached to the bill version on the internet.*)

Present law provides that the 19th Judicial District Court is comprised of East Baton Rouge Parish. Provides that the 19th Judicial District Court has 15 judges.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the 19th Judicial District Court shall consist of three election sections, each election section electing five judges.

Proposed law instead provides that the court shall consist of two election sections, each election section electing seven judges, and one judge elected at large.

Present law (Act 145 of the 1994 3rd E.S. and Act 198 of the 2001 R.S.) provides that each judgeship be designated as a division, and that each division be assigned to one election section as follows:

1. Election Section 1: Divisions B, D, J, K, and O
2. Election Section 2: Divisions A, G, L, M, and N
3. Election Section 3: Divisions C, E, F, H, and I

Proposed law instead provides that the divisions be assigned to election sections as follows:

1. Election Section 1: Divisions C, D, E, F, J, K, and O
2. Election Section 2: Divisions A, G, H, I, L, M, and N

Proposed law further provides that the judgeship designated as Division B shall be elected at large.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts contained in the file named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the legislature's website. Provides that the 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of La. as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. House of Representatives

and the La. Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through Jan. 16, 2025, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities.

Proposed law also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for La. 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(19) and 621.19; Repeals §5(E) of Act No. 145 of 1994 3rd Ex. Sess.)