

2025 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

REAPPORTIONMENT: Provides for the legislative redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle (Item #1)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 18:419, relative to the legislative redistricting website during the
4 2026 election cycle; to provide for information contained on the website; to provide
5 for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Part I-B of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
8 1950, comprised of R.S. 18:419, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 PART I-B. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS HELD IN 2026

10 §419. Redistricting website; 2026 election cycle

11 A. The legislature shall provide for, maintain, and update as necessary a
12 redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle, which may be the same website
13 as provided for in R.S. 24:992.

14 B. At a minimum, the redistricting website shall contain the following
15 information:

16 (1) Any document or material presented or distributed by the legislature at
17 a redistricting public hearing.

18 (2) Any document or material related to redistricting and presented or
19 distributed by the legislature at a legislative committee hearing.

1 (3) Any written testimony, materials, or redistricting plans submitted by the
2 public at a redistricting public hearing or in the manner prescribed by the legislature.

3 (4) Any legislative instrument containing a redistricting plan and all related
4 mapping files, including geospatial shape files or ASCII, comma delimited block
5 equivalency import files which indicate the census block assignments in accordance
6 with the redistricting plan.

7 (5) Any analysis conducted by a third party on behalf of the legislature
8 related to any redistricting plan's compliance with traditional redistricting criteria or
9 state or federal laws.

10 C. For purposes of this Section, "redistricting public hearing" means a
11 hearing conducted pursuant to R.S. 24:991.

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the contents of the legislative redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle.

Present law (R.S. 24:992) requires the legislature to provide for, maintain, and update as necessary a redistricting website which shall maintain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Any documents or material presented or distributed by the legislature at a redistricting public hearing.
- (2) Any written testimony, materials, or redistricting plans submitted by the public at a redistricting public hearing or in the manner prescribed by the legislature.

Proposed law requires the legislature to provide for, maintain, and update as necessary a redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle, which may be the same website as provided for in present law.

Proposed law requires the legislature to maintain the following additional information on the redistricting website during the 2026 election cycle:

- (1) Any document or material related to redistricting and presented or distributed by the legislature at a legislative committee hearing.
- (2) Any legislative instrument containing a redistricting plan and all related mapping files, including geospatial shape files or ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency import files which indicate the census block assignments in accordance with the redistricting plan.
- (3) Any analysis conducted by a third party on behalf of the legislature related to any redistricting plan's compliance with traditional redistricting criteria or state or federal laws.

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

(Adds R.S. 18:419)