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

<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 <u>present</u> law.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 geospacial 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)