

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 432

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REAPPORTIONMENT: Provides relative to redistricting data involving incarcerated individuals

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:101.2, relative to collection of data for redistricting purposes; to provide
3 for the collection of information regarding incarcerated individuals; to provide for
4 duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for duties of
5 the secretary of state; to provide for the reporting and publishing of data; to provide
6 for a prohibition; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:101.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §101.2. Population data; incarcerated individuals

10 A.(1) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, within six months
11 of August 1, 2026, shall collect and maintain an electronic record of information for
12 every incarcerated individual who has been committed to the custody of the
13 department. This information shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

14 (a) The last known residential address of the individual before his
15 incarceration.

16 (b) The race of the individual.

17 (c) Whether the individual is of Hispanic or Latino origin.

18 (d) Whether the individual is eighteen years of age or older.

19 (2) The department shall permit an incarcerated individual to update his last
20 known residential address, as practicable.

1 B. No later than May first in any year when the federal decennial census is
2 taken but where the United States Census Bureau allocates incarcerated individuals
3 as residents of correctional facilities, the Department of Public Safety and
4 Corrections shall report all of the following information to the secretary of state:

5 (1) A unique identifier, not to include the name or state offender
6 identification number, for each incarcerated individual subject to the jurisdiction of
7 the department on the date when the decennial census reports a population range.
8 The unique identifier shall enable the secretary of state to address the department
9 with inquiries about specific address records while prohibiting anyone outside of the
10 department from identifying the incarcerated individual associated with the address
11 record.

12 (2) The street address of the correctional facility where the individual was
13 incarcerated at the time of the census.

14 (3) The last known address or other legal residence, if known, of the
15 individual prior to incarceration.

16 (4) The race of the individual.

17 (5) Whether the individual is of Hispanic or Latino origin.

18 (6) Whether the individual is eighteen years of age or older.

19 (7) Any additional information that the secretary of state may request
20 pursuant to this Title.

21 C. The secretary of state shall request from each agency that operates a
22 federal facility in this state that incarcerates individuals convicted of criminal
23 offenses a report that includes the information specified in Subsection B of this
24 Section.

25 D. The secretary of state shall collect and prepare redistricting population
26 data, as provided in Subsection E of this Section, to reflect each incarcerated
27 individual at his last known residential address. The data shall be the basis of the
28 senatorial districts provided in R.S. 24:35.1, the representative districts provided in
29 R.S. 24:35.3, and all local government districts that are based on population.

1 Populations of incarcerated individuals who are residing at unknown geographic
2 locations within the state shall not be used to determine the ideal population of any
3 set of districts, wards, or precincts.

4 E.(1) The secretary of state shall determine the geographic units where
5 population counts in the federal decennial census contain both the facility of
6 incarceration and the legal residence of each incarcerated individual who is included
7 in the report required by this Section.

8 (2) The secretary of state shall do all of the following if the legal residence
9 of any incarcerated individual is both known and located in this state:

10 (a) Ensure that the individual is not represented in any population counts for
11 geographic units that include the facility where the individual was incarcerated,
12 unless that geographic unit also includes the legal residence of the individual.

13 (b) Ensure that any population counts reflect the last known residential
14 address of the individual.

15 (3) The secretary of state shall do all of the following if the legal residence
16 of any incarcerated individual is unknown or not located in this state and if any
17 individuals reported in the census reside in a federal correctional facility:

18 (a) Ensure that the individual is not represented in any population counts for
19 the geographic units that include the facility where the individual was incarcerated.

20 (b) Allocate the individual to a state unit that is not tied to a specific
21 determined geography.

22 (4) The data collected pursuant to this Subsection shall be published no later
23 than thirty days from the date that federal decennial redistricting data is published
24 for the state.

25 (5) The secretary of state shall notify local governments to use the data
26 collected pursuant to this Subsection for redistricting purposes.

27 F. The data collected pursuant to Subsection E of this Section shall not be
28 used in the distribution of any state or federal aid.

1 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
 2 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given
 3 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
 4 Act are hereby declared severable.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to redistricting data involving incarcerated individuals.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) within six months of Aug. 1, 2026, to collect and maintain an electronic record of information for every incarcerated individual who has been committed to the custody of the DPS&C. Further provides what is to be included within this information.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C to permit an incarcerated individual to update his last known residential address, as practicable.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C, by May 1st in any year when the federal decennial census is taken but where the US Census Bureau allocates incarcerated individuals as residents of correctional facilities, to report certain information to the secretary of state.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to request each agency for a report that includes the information contained in proposed law if that agency operates a federal facility in this state that incarcerates individuals convicted of criminal offenses.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to collect and prepare redistricting population data to reflect each incarcerated individual at his last known residential address. Further provides that the data shall be the basis of the senatorial districts, the representative districts, and all local government districts that are based on population.

Proposed law provides that populations of incarcerated individuals who are residing at unknown geographic locations within the state shall not be used to determine the ideal population of any set of districts, wards, or precincts.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to determine the geographic units where population counts in the federal decennial census contain both the facility of incarceration and the legal residence of each incarcerated individual who is included in the report required by proposed law.

Proposed law provides for certain duties of the secretary of state if the legal residence of any incarcerated individual is both known and located in La.

Proposed law provides for certain duties of the secretary of state if the legal residence of any incarcerated individual is unknown or not located in La. and if any individuals reported in the census reside in a federal correctional facility.

Proposed law provides that the data collected pursuant to proposed law shall be published no later than 30 days from the date that federal decennial redistricting data is published for

the state and requires the secretary of state to notify local governments to use the data for redistricting purposes.

Proposed law provides that the data collected pursuant to proposed law shall not be used in the distribution of any state or federal aid.

Proposed law provides for severability.

(Adds R.S. 18:101.2)