

Regular Session, 2003

HOUSE BILL NO. 2011 (Substitute for House Bill No. 1382 by Representative Lancaster)

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REAPPORTIONMENT/HOUSE: Provides for the composition of House Districts Nos. 11, 12, 52, 53, 74, 75, 79, 80, 81, and 82

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:35.5(A)(11), (12), (52), (53), (74), (75), (79),  
3 (80), (81), and (82), (B), and (C), to provide for the composition of  
4 House of Representative Districts Nos. 11, 12, 52, 53, 74, 75, 79, 80,  
5 81, and 82; to provide for the precincts used to compose such districts;  
6 to provide for severability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide  
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 24:35.5(A)(11) and (12) are hereby amended and  
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §35.5. Membership of the House of Representatives

12 A. The House of Representatives of the Legislature of  
13 Louisiana shall be composed of one hundred five members. Effective  
14 with the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election in  
15 2003 for members of the legislature, the state shall be divided into the

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1 representative districts provided in this Section for purposes of election  
2 of members at the 2003 regular elections. These districts shall be  
3 effective for all purposes beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2004.  
4 One representative shall be elected from each district.

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6 (11) District No. 11 is composed of Precincts ~~1-1, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1,~~  
7 ~~and 3-3~~ 2-1, 2-2, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-7 of Bienville Parish; Claiborne  
8 Parish; and Precincts ~~1-A4, 1-C3, 1-C4, 1-D1, 1-D2, 1-D3, 1-D4, 1-E1,~~  
9 ~~1-E2, 1-E3, 1-E4, 1-F1, 1-F2, 1-G1, 1-G2, 2-A1, 2-A2, 2-A3, 2-A4, 2-~~  
10 ~~B1, 2-B2, 3-1, 3-3, and 3-4~~ 1-A4, 1-C3, 1-C4, 1-D1, 1-D2, 1-D3, 1-D4,  
11 1-E1, 1-E2, 1-E3, 1-E4, 1-F1, 1-F2, 1-G2, 2-A1, 2-A2, 2-A3, 2-A4, 2-  
12 B1, 2-B2, 3-1, 3-3, and 3-4 of Lincoln Parish.

13 (12) District No. 12 is composed of Precincts ~~1-A1, 1-A2, 1-A3,~~  
14 ~~1-A5, 1-B1, 1-B2, 1-B3, 1-C1, 1-C2, 3-2, 3-5, 3-6, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4,~~  
15 ~~4-5, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, and 5-4~~ 1-A1, 1-A2, 1-A3, 1-A5, 1-B1, 1-B2, 1-B3,  
16 1-C1, 1-C2, 1-G1, 3-2, 3-5, 3-6, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3,  
17 and 5-4 of Lincoln Parish and Union Parish.

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19 Section 2. R.S. 24:35.5(A)(52) and (53) are hereby amended and  
20 reenacted to read as follows:

21 §35.5. Membership of the House of Representatives

22 A. The House of Representatives of the Legislature of  
23 Louisiana shall be composed of one hundred five members. Effective  
24 with the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election in  
25 2003 for members of the legislature, the state shall be divided into the  
26 representative districts provided in this Section for purposes of election

1 of members at the 2003 regular elections. These districts shall be  
2 effective for all purposes beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2004.

3 One representative shall be elected from each district.

4 \* \* \*

5 (52) District No. 52 is composed of ~~Precincts 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,~~  
6 ~~13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49,~~  
7 ~~50, 51, 69, and 74~~ Precinct 11-2 of Lafourche Parish and Precincts 8,  
8 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 27, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46,  
9 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 69, 71, 74, 78, 80, 83, 84, and 85 of Terrebonne  
10 Parish.

11 (53) District No. 53 is composed of ~~Precincts 11-1 and 11-2 of~~  
12 ~~Lafourche Parish and Precincts 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,~~  
13 ~~31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 71,~~  
14 ~~and 75~~ Precinct 11-1 of Lafourche Parish and Precincts 12, 17, 18, 19,  
15 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39, 40, 55, 56, 57, 58,  
16 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 75, 77, and 79 of Terrebonne Parish.

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18 Section 3. R.S. 24:35.5(A)(74) and (75) are hereby amended and  
19 reenacted to read as follows:

20 §35.5. Membership of the House of Representatives

21 A. The House of Representatives of the Legislature of  
22 Louisiana shall be composed of one hundred five members. Effective  
23 with the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election in  
24 2003 for members of the legislature, the state shall be divided into the  
25 representative districts provided in this Section for purposes of election  
26 of members at the 2003 regular elections. These districts shall be

1 effective for all purposes beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2004.

2 One representative shall be elected from each district.

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4 (74) District No. 74 is composed of Precincts ~~201, 203, 204,~~  
5 ~~205, 206, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308, 309, 504, 601, 602, 604, 606, A01,~~  
6 ~~and A02~~ 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308, 309, 503,  
7 504, 601, 602, 604, 606, A01, and A02 of St. Tammany Parish;  
8 Precincts ~~102, 104, 104A, 106, 106A, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, and 118~~  
9 101, 102, 104, 104A, 106, 106A, 106B, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, and  
10 118 of Tangipahoa Parish; and Precincts ~~1-1, 1-1A, 1-2, 2-1, and 9-1~~  
11 1-1, 1-1A, 1-2, and 2-1 of Washington Parish.

12 (75) District No. 75 is composed of Precincts ~~501, 502, and 503~~  
13 501 and 502 of St. Tammany Parish and Precincts ~~3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-3A,~~  
14 ~~3-3B, 3-3C, 4-1, 4-1A, 4-2, 4-2A, 4-3, 4-3B, 4-4, 4-5, 4-5A, 4-5B, 4-6,~~  
15 ~~4-7, 4-7B, 4-8, 4-8A, 4-8AA, 4-8AB, 4-8BB, 4-9, 4-9A, 4-10, 4-10A,~~  
16 ~~4-10B, 4-11, 5-1, 5-1A, 5-2, 5-2A, 5-2B, 5-3, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4A,~~  
17 ~~7-1, 7-1A, 7-2, 7-3, 8-1, 8-2, 8-2A, and 8-3~~ 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-3A, 3-3B,  
18 3-3C, 4-1, 4-1A, 4-2, 4-2A, 4-3, 4-3B, 4-4, 4-5, 4-5A, 4-5B, 4-6, 4-7,  
19 4-7B, 4-8, 4-8A, 4-8AA, 4-8AB, 4-8BB, 4-9, 4-9A, 4-10, 4-10A,  
20 4-10B, 4-11, 5-1, 5-1A, 5-2, 5-2A, 5-2B, 5-3, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4A,  
21 7-1, 7-1A, 7-2, 7-3, 8-1, 8-2, 8-2A, 8-3, and 9-1 of Washington Parish.

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23 Section 4. R.S. 24:35.5(A)(79), (80), (81), and (82) are hereby  
24 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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1           §35.5. Membership of the House of Representatives

2                   A. The House of Representatives of the Legislature of  
3 Louisiana shall be composed of one hundred five members. Effective  
4 with the opening of the qualifying period for the primary election in  
5 2003 for members of the legislature, the state shall be divided into the  
6 representative districts provided in this Section for purposes of election  
7 of members at the 2003 regular elections. These districts shall be  
8 effective for all purposes beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2004.  
9 One representative shall be elected from each district.

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11                   (79) District No. 79 is composed of Precincts ~~1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13,~~  
12 ~~14, 15, 16, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-K, 7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 12-K,~~  
13 ~~34-K, and 35-K~~ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K,  
14 5-K, 6-K, 7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 12-K, 34-K, and 35-K of Jefferson  
15 Parish.

16                   (80) District No. 80 is composed of Precincts ~~17, 19, 20, 22, 23,~~  
17 ~~24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, and 78~~ 17, 19,  
18 20, 22, 23, 29, 31, 32, 33, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82,  
19 83, 84, and 85 of Jefferson Parish.

20                   (81) District No. 81 is composed of Precincts ~~33, 34, 35, 36, 37,~~  
21 ~~38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88,~~  
22 ~~89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, and 107~~  
23 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46,  
24 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103,  
25 and 107 of Jefferson Parish.



1           adopted by the parish governing authority under the provisions of R.S.  
2           18:532.1 and made effective not later than March 24, 2003, and  
3           contained in the precinct database of the Department of Elections and  
4           Registration as of March 24, 2003.

5           (2) The precincts to which reference is made in this Section for  
6           the districts amended and reenacted by the provisions contained in the  
7           Act which originated as House Bill No.     of the 2003 Regular Session  
8           of the Legislature are those adopted by the respective parish governing  
9           authorities under the provisions of R.S. 18:532 or 532.1 or pursuant to  
10          a court order, made effective not later than March 24, 2003, and  
11          contained in the precinct database of the Department of Elections and  
12          Registration as of March 24, 2003.

13           C. When a precinct enumerated in this Section has been  
14           subdivided by action of the parish registrar of voters or governing  
15           authority on a nongeographic basis (for purposes of polling), or  
16           subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic  
17           basis under the provisions of R.S. 18:532.1(G), the enumeration in this  
18           Section of the general precinct designation shall include all polling  
19           subdivisions thereof and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however  
20           such subdivisions may be designated. When a precinct enumerated in  
21           this Section has been consolidated by action of the parish governing  
22           authority pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532.1(H), the territorial  
23           limits of the districts as provided in Subsection A of this Section shall  
24           continue in effect without change. The territorial limits of the districts  
25           as provided in Subsection A of this Section and subject to the  
26           provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall continue in effect

1 without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the  
2 parish registrar of voters or the parish governing authority.

3 Section 6. If any provision or item of this Act or the application thereof  
4 is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or inability to enforce shall not  
5 affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Act which can be given  
6 effect without the invalid or unenforceable provisions, items, or applications,  
7 and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

8 Section 7. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the  
9 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills  
10 to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III,  
11 Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and  
12 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
13 the day following such approval.

14 (A) However, if Louisiana House of Representatives Districts Nos. 11  
15 and 12 configured as provided in the provisions of Section 1 of this Act fail to  
16 receive preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §1973) on  
17 or before August 8, 2003, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall be null,  
18 void, and without effect.

19 (B) However, if Louisiana House of Representatives Districts Nos. 52  
20 and 53 configured as provided in the provisions of Section 2 of this Act fail to  
21 receive preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §1973) on  
22 or before August 8, 2003, the provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall be null,  
23 void, and without effect.

24 (C) However, if Louisiana House of Representatives Districts Nos. 74  
25 and 75 configured as provided in the provisions of Section 3 of this Act fail to  
26 receive preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §1973) on



1 or before August 8, 2003, the provisions of Section 3 of this Act shall be null,  
2 void, and without effect.

3 (D) However, if Louisiana House of Representatives Districts Nos. 79,  
4 80, 81, and 82 configured as provided in the provisions of Section 4 of this Act  
5 fail to receive preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 §1973) on or before August 8, 2003, the provisions of Section 4 of this Act  
7 shall be null, void, and without effect.

8 (E) If all of the Louisiana House of Representatives Districts  
9 configured as provided in Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this Act fail to receive  
10 preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §1973) on or before  
11 August 8, 2003, the provisions of Section 5 of this Act shall be null, void, and  
12 without effect.

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#### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

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Lancaster, et al.

HB No. 2011

**Abstract:** Provides for the composition of House of Representative Districts Nos. 11, 12, 52, 53, 74, 75, 79, 80, 81, and 82. Effective for election purposes for the regular legislative elections in 2003 and for all purposes on Jan. 12, 2004.

Statistical summaries of proposed law, including district variances from the ideal population of 42,561 and the range of those variances, as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest.

Present constitution (Const. Art. III, §6(A)) requires the legislature, by the end of the year following the year in which the state's population is reported to the president of the U.S. for each federal decennial census, to reapportion the representation in each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown by the census.

Present law divides the state into 105 districts for election of members of the House of Representatives.

Proposed law reapportions the state's population in Districts 11, 12, 52, 53, 74, 75, 79, 80, 81, and 82 effective for election purposes with the opening of the qualifying period for the 2003 primary election for members of the legislature.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in present law are those adopted by the respective parish governing authorities under R.S. 18:532 and made effective not later than January 1, 2000, for the purpose of establishing block boundaries for the 2000 federal decennial census, except that for precincts changed by court order or ordinance as provided by present law and validated by the legislature prior to June 23, 2001, reference is to precincts so changed and validated. Also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided on a nongeographic or geographic basis under present law, the general precinct designation in the district description includes all nongeographic and geographic subdivisions of the precinct. Further provides that the territorial limits of the House districts as enacted shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish registrar of voters or the parish governing authority.

Proposed law additionally specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in proposed law are those adopted by the respective parish governing authorities pursuant to present law (R.S. 18:532 or 532.1) or by court order, made effective for March 24, 2003, and contained in the precinct database of the Department of Elections and Registration as of March 24, 2003. Proposed law additionally provides that when a precinct is consolidated by action of the parish governing authority pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532.1(H)), the territorial limits of the districts as provided by law (R.S. 24:35.5) shall continue in effect without change.

Proposed law specifies that the provisions of proposed law are severable and if any provision or item of proposed law or the application thereof is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or inability to enforce shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provisions, items, or applications.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; except specifies that if any of the Louisiana House of Representatives Districts configured as provided in the provisions of proposed law fail to receive preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §1973) on or before August 8, 2003, the specific provisions of proposed law relative to such districts shall be null, void, and without effect; and specifies that if none of the Louisiana House of Representatives Districts configured as provided in the provisions proposed law receive preclearance, the provisions in proposed law relative to precincts shall be null, void, and without effect.

Population counts in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171), Summary File, Census of Population and Housing, Louisiana (U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, issued March 9, 2001), as validated and adjusted by staff of the Louisiana Legislature. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law text.

(Amends 24:35.5(A)(11), (12), (52), (53), (74), (75), (79), (80), (81), and (82), (B), and (C))