
DIGEST

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Lancaster

HB No. 910

Abstract: Provides for the composition of House of Representatives Districts and provides that when a precinct used to compose such districts is consolidated or merged on a geographic basis by action of the parish governing authority the territorial limits of the districts shall continue in effect without change.

Present law divides the state into 105 districts for election of members of the House of Representatives. Present law specifies that such districts were effective the at opening of qualifying for the 2003 regular elections for purpose of election of members at the 2003 election and effective for all purposes beginning at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 12, 2004.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law specifies that precincts referenced in certain specified district descriptions in present law are those adopted by the respective parish governing authorities under R.S. 18:532 and made effective no later than Jan. 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. Present law additionally specifies that certain specified precincts and precincts referenced in certain specified district descriptions in present 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 Dept. of Elections and Registration as of March 24, 2003. 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. Present 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 additionally provides that when a precinct is merged on a geographic basis by action of the parish governing authority pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the territorial limits of the districts as provided by law (R.S. 24:35.5) shall continue in effect without change.

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

(Amends R.S. 24:35.5(A) and (C))