

Existing 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 decennial federal census, to reapportion the representation in each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown by the census.

Prior law divided the state into 105 districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives.

New law provides for 105 districts within an overall range of 9.89% of the ideal population of 43,174. 29 of the House Districts have a majority minority population. For purposes of qualifying and election in 2011, districts provided for in new law are effective upon signature of governor (April 14, 2011). For all other purposes, districts provided for in prior law remain in effect until 10:00 a.m., Jan. 9, 2012, when districts provided for in new law become effective for all other purposes.

New law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. Also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with existing law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Effective in part upon signature of governor (April 14, 2011); effective in part at 10:00 a.m., Jan. 9, 2012. See Act.

(Adds R.S. 24:35.2; Repeals R.S. 24:35.5)