

ACT No. 7

Regular Session, 2003

SENATE BILL NO. 927

BY SENATOR ADLEY AND REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:35.1(A)(36) and (37), relative to senate districts; to provide for the redistricting of Senate Districts 36 and 37; to provide for the effectiveness of this Act; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:35.1(A)(36) and (37) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§35.1. Membership of the Senate

A. The Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana shall be composed of thirty-nine members. The state shall be divided into the following senatorial districts and one senator shall be chosen from each of said districts:

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(36) District No. 36 is composed of Bienville Parish; Precincts 2-1, ~~2-3~~, ~~2-15~~, 2-17A, ~~2-17B~~, 2-18A, 2-18B, 2-18C, **2-21B**, **2-22**, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 4-1A, **4-2**, 4-3A, 4-3B, 4-4A, 4-4B, 4-5A, 4-6, 4-7, 4-9, 4-11A, 4-11B, and 4-11C of Bossier Parish; Precincts 3, 5, 7, 41, 42, and 51 of Claiborne Parish; Precincts 3-1, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 5-1, 5-2, 6-1, and 6-2 of Red River Parish; and Webster Parish.

(37) District No. 37 is composed of Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12A, 2-12B, 2-12C, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17B, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21A, ~~2-21B~~, ~~2-22~~, 2-23, ~~4-2~~, 4-8A, 4-8B, 4-8C, and 4-10 of Bossier Parish; and Precincts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 48, 49, 50, 51, 64, 76, 77, 99, and 129 of Caddo Parish.

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Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall be effective for the limited purposes of qualifying candidates for and electing members to the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana at the next regularly scheduled election for members of the Senate in 2003, commencing on the date and at the time that the qualifying period opens for such offices. The effectiveness of Section 1 of this Act for such qualification and election shall not reduce the term of office of any member of the Senate nor change any Senate district as established in R.S. 24:35 until such provisions of law are repealed pursuant to Act 1 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2001.

(B) Except as provided in Subsection A of this Section, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall be effective at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday in January, 2004.

Section 3. A vacancy occurring in the office of a member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana serving on March 31, 2003, shall be filled for the remainder of the term, as required by law, from the district represented by that member. A vacancy in the office of a member elected to serve a term of office commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday in January, 2004, shall be filled, as required by law from the district created by Section 1 of this Act from which the member was elected.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the

governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval. However, if District Nos. 36 and 37 configured as provided in the provisions of Section 1 of this Act fail to receive preclearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §1973) on or before August 15, 2003, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall be null, void, and without effect.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

Plan Statistics

<u>Districts:</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Actual Population</u>	<u>Ideal Population</u>	<u>Absolute Deviation</u>	<u>Relative Deviation</u>
District 36	1	109,427	114,589	-5,162	-4.505%
District 37	1	109,121	114,589	-5,468	-4.772%

Grand Total: **39** **4,468,976** **4,468,971**

Ideal Population Per Member:	114,589			<i>Ideal - Actual:</i>	-5
Number of Districts for Plan Type:	39			<i>Remainder:</i>	5
Range of District Populations:	108,881	to	120,277	<i>Unassigned Population:</i>	0
Absolute Mean Deviation	292				
Absolute Range:	-5,708	to	5,688		
Absolute Overall Range:	11,396				
Relative Mean Deviation:	0.00%				
Relative Range:	-4.98%	to	4.96%		
Relative Overall Range:	9.95%				

Populations and Voter Registration



	TOT POP	TOT WHITE	TOT BLACK	TOT ASIAN	TOT OTHER	REG TOTAL	REG WHITE	REG BLACK	REG OTHER
District 36									
Bienville	15,752	8,651	6,937	31	133	9,369	5,379	3,951	39
	100.000%	54.920%	44.039%	0.197%	0.844%	81.761%	57.413%	42.171%	0.416%
* Bossier	43,157	34,032	8,067	345	713	23,979	19,102	4,135	742
	100.000%	78.856%	18.692%	0.799%	1.652%	77.449%	79.661%	17.244%	3.094%
* Claiborne	3,984	2,714	1,245	5	20	2,268	1,653	602	13
	100.000%	68.122%	31.250%	0.126%	0.502%	74.483%	72.884%	26.543%	0.573%
* Red River	4,703	1,515	3,137	11	40	3,069	1,081	1,981	7
	100.000%	32.213%	66.702%	0.234%	0.851%	97.028%	35.223%	64.549%	0.228%
Webster	41,831	27,405	13,841	122	463	24,104	16,683	7,192	229
	100.000%	65.514%	33.088%	0.292%	1.107%	77.440%	69.213%	29.837%	0.950%
District 36	109,427	74,317	33,227	514	1,369	62,789	43,898	17,861	1,030
	100.000%	67.915%	30.365%	0.470%	1.251%	78.728%	69.914%	28.446%	1.640%
District 37									
* Bossier	55,153	39,371	12,880	1,257	1,645	27,157	21,368	4,579	1,210
	100.000%	71.385%	23.353%	2.279%	2.983%	68.205%	78.683%	16.861%	4.456%
* Caddo	53,968	36,760	15,603	747	858	30,418	22,842	6,731	845
	100.000%	68.114%	28.912%	1.384%	1.590%	73.073%	75.094%	22.128%	2.778%
District 37	109,121	76,131	28,483	2,004	2,503	57,575	44,210	11,310	2,055
	100.000%	69.768%	26.102%	1.836%	2.294%	70.693%	76.787%	19.644%	3.569%
Grand Total	218,548	150,448	61,710	2,518	3,872	120,364	88,108	29,171	3,085
	100.000%	68.840%	28.236%	1.152%	1.772%	74.668%	73.201%	24.236%	2.563%

