

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 553

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Provides for election sections in the City Court of Lake Charles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1952(13), relative to the City Court of Lake Charles; to
3 provide for election sections in the court; to provide for the assignment of judgeships
4 for election purposes; to provide for the election of judges; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1952(13) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1952. Courts created by special legislative Act

9 The following city courts, heretofore created and established by special
10 legislative Act, are hereby recognized and continued in existence and, except as
11 otherwise provided in this Section, their territorial jurisdiction shall extend through
12 the city and ward or wards wherein the city in which they are domiciled is located,
13 as extended from time to time:

14 * * *

15 (13)(a) The City Court of Lake Charles, domiciled in the city of Lake
16 Charles, parish of Calcasieu, having two city judges and a city marshal;

17 (b)(i) For the purpose of electing judges, the court shall be divided into two
18 election sections. Election section one shall consist of Precincts 325, 326, 327, 330,
19 331, 332N, 332S, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367N,
20 367S, 368, 369, 370, 371N, and 371S of Calcasieu Parish. Election section two shall

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides geographic boundaries for election sections in the City Court of Lake Charles and provides for the assignment of judgeships in those districts for election purposes.

Statistical summaries of proposed law as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. (Attached to hard copies of the bill distributed during session and available as a separate document on the Internet.)

Present law provides that the City Court of Lake Charles is domiciled in the city of Lake Charles and that the territorial jurisdiction of the court extends through the city and ward or wards wherein the city is located, as extended from time to time. Provides that the court has two city judges and one city marshal. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law creates two election sections in the City Court of Lake Charles. Provides that one judge shall be elected by the qualified electors of election section one, and one judge shall be elected by the qualified electors of election section two. Provides that the judgeship designated on the effective date of proposed law as Division A of the City Court of Lake Charles is assigned to election section two for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship designated on the effective date of proposed law as Division B of the City Court of Lake Charles is assigned to election section one for election purposes.

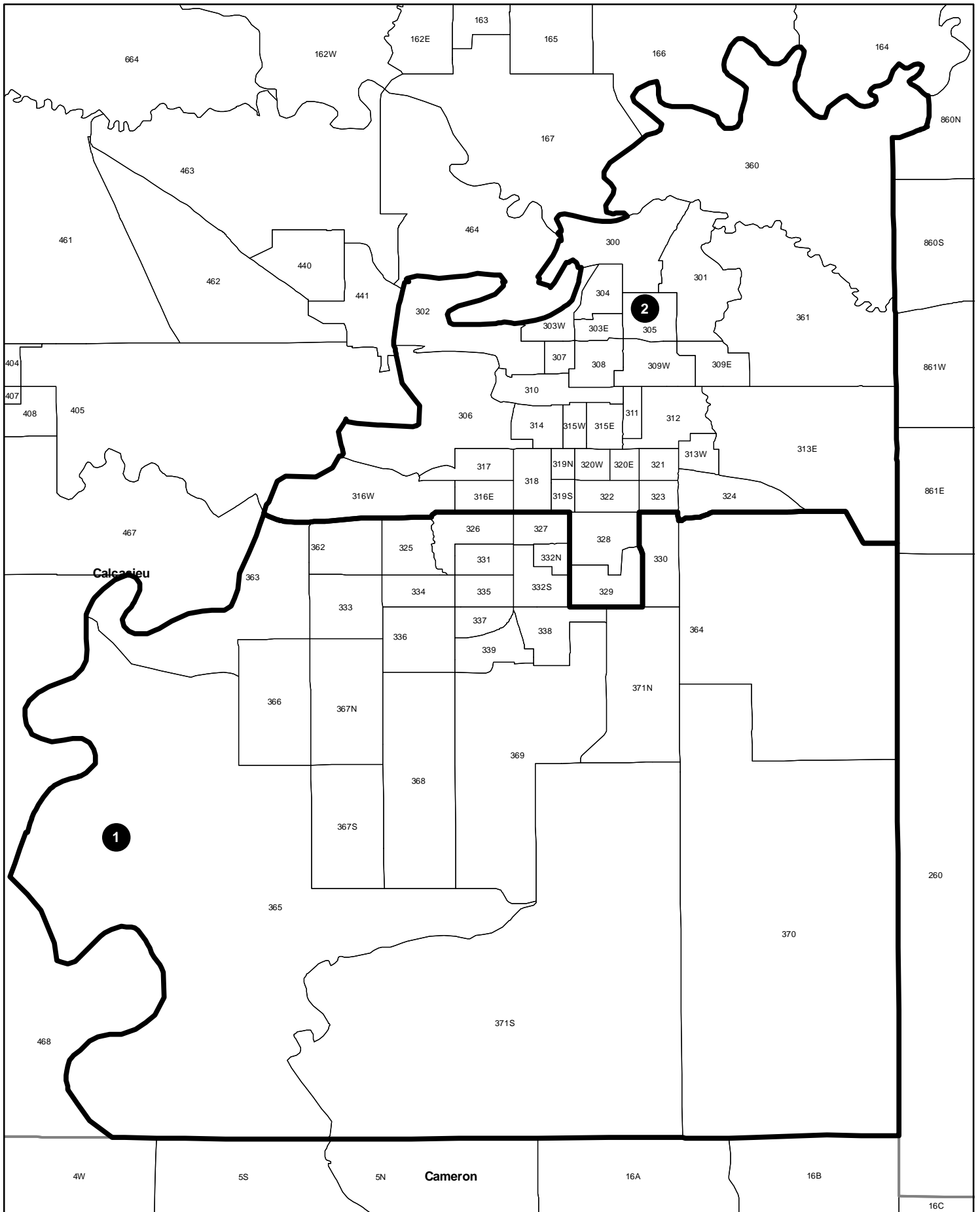
Proposed law provides that the precincts for Calcasieu Parish referenced in proposed law are those contained in the file named "2012 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Provides that the 2012 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of La. as those files have been modified by the staff of the Legislature of La. to represent precinct changes submitted through Aug. 8, 2012, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532 and 532.1).

Proposed law provides that when a precinct referenced in proposed law 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 the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the enumeration in proposed law of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be designated. Provides that the territorial limits of the election sections as provided in proposed law shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for Louisiana. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 13:1952(13))

Proposed Election Sections -- Lake Charles City Court



Note: Although not depicted in the map, a portion of Precinct 360 is not included in proposed election section 2.

District Geography

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Hispanic	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Hispanic Total	Reg Total Dec 2012	Reg White Dec 2012	Reg Black Dec 2012	Reg Other Dec 2012
Calcasieu																
District 1	50,500	39,156	8,707	1,557	382	1,540	38,812	31,047	5,861	1,158	276	1,057	32,564	26,345	4,907	1,312
	100.000%	77.537%	17.242%	3.083%	0.756%	3.050%	100.000%	79.993%	15.101%	2.984%	0.711%	2.723%	83.902%	80.902%	15.069%	4.029%
District 2	46,593	13,513	31,819	285	299	1,127	34,873	11,587	22,312	222	240	805	29,775	8,703	20,079	993
	100.000%	29.002%	68.291%	0.612%	0.642%	2.419%	100.000%	33.226%	63.981%	0.637%	0.688%	2.308%	85.381%	29.229%	67.436%	3.335%
Calcasieu	97,093	52,669	40,526	1,842	681	2,667	73,685	42,634	28,173	1,380	516	1,862	62,339	35,048	24,986	2,305

Note: Report contains statistical information for all of precinct 360, although a portion of precinct 360 is not actually included in Ward 3 of Calcasieu Parish and therefore not included in proposed election section 2.