

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Provides relative to the election of judges for the City Court of Baton Rouge

DIGEST

Abstract: Provides that elections to fill judgeships for the City Court of Baton Rouge shall be held from the entire territorial area of the city rather than from election sections.

Present law provides for the City Court of Baton Rouge, domiciled in Baton Rouge and having five city judges and a city constable. Provides that the court is divided into five divisions, "A", "B", "C", "D", and "E" and its territorial jurisdiction shall extend throughout the territorial area of the city of Baton Rouge as extended from time to time. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the purpose of electing judges, the court is divided into two election sections and that two judges (divisions "B" and "D") are elected in election section one and three judges (divisions "A", "C", and "E") are elected in election section two. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law further allows the metropolitan council for the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge, to assign annexations which are approved subsequent to June 15, 1993, to the appropriate election section. Requires the metropolitan council to submit such assignment by certified mail or by hand delivery with receipt to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs for approval. Provides that the committees have 45 days to determine, either jointly or separately, whether the assignment shall be approved or disapproved. Specifies that if the time period for action by the committees lapses without action by such committees, the assignment is deemed approved, and if one or both committees disapprove the assignment, such assignment is not effective for any purpose. Proposed law deletes this provision.

Proposed law provides that two judges will be elected from election section one, two judges from election section two, and one judge will be elected from the parish at large.

Proposed law provides that the after the effective date of proposed law, whoever succeeds the first seat vacated in election section two will be the at large judge and elected from the parish at large.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:1952(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Provides that two judges will be selected from election district one, two judges from election district two, and one judge will be elected from the parish at large.
2. Provides that the at large judge will be the successor to the first seat becoming vacant, for any reason, in election section two.