

**ACT No. 374**

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED WILLIAMS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1952(4), relative to the City Court of Baton Rouge; to provide  
3 for the composition of the election sections; to provide for the number of judges  
4 elected from each election section; to provide for the election of a judge at large; to  
5 provide for the assignment of divisions to each election section; to provide relative  
6 to the assignment of certain annexations to election sections; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:1952(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1952. Courts created by special legislative Act

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

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17 (4)(a) The City Court of Baton Rouge, domiciled in the city of Baton Rouge,  
18 parish of East Baton Rouge, having five city judges and a city constable. The court  
19 shall be divided into five divisions, namely, divisions "A", "B", "C", "D", and "E"  
20 and its territorial jurisdiction shall extend throughout the territorial area of the city  
21 of Baton Rouge as extended from time to time.

22 (b) For the purpose of electing judges, the court shall be divided into two  
23 election sections.

24 (i) Election section one shall consist of ~~precincts: 1-1A, 1-1B, 1-3A, 1-3B,~~  
25 ~~1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-8, 1-11, 1-13A, 1-13B, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23,~~  
26 ~~1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-31A, 1-31B, 1-38A, 1-38B, 1-45, 1-46A, 1-46B,~~

1           ~~1-46C, 1-46D, 1-50A, 1-50B, 1-51A, 1-51B, 1-58A, 1-58B, 1-61, 1-67, 1-68, 1-84A,~~  
 2           ~~1-84B, 1-85A, 1-85B, 1-86A, 1-86B, 1-91, 1-92A, 1-92B, 1-93, 1-94A, 1-94B, 1-~~  
 3           ~~95A, 1-95B, 1-96A and 1-96B.~~ the following precincts and parts of precincts  
 4           contained within the corporate limits of the city of Baton Rouge: 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4,  
 5           1-5, 1-6, 1-8, 1-10, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17 (part), 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23  
 6           (part), 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-38, 1-45, 1-46,  
 7           1-50, 1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-77 (part), 1-78, 1-82, 1-84 (part), 1-  
 8           85 (part), 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95 (part), 1-100 (part), 1-101 (part), 1-102  
 9           (part), 1-104, 2-1 (part), 2-9 (part), 2-11 (part), 2-22 (part), 2-24 (part), 2-25 (part),  
 10          3-5 (part), 3-20 (part), and 3-50 (part).

11                         (ii) ~~Election section two shall consist of precincts~~ Election section two shall  
 12           ~~consist of precincts: 1-7, 1-10, 1-14A, 1-14B, 1-15A, 1-15B, 1-30, 1-32, 1-33, 1-~~  
 13           ~~34A, 1-34B, 1-35, 1-36A, 1-36B, 1-36C, 1-36D, 1-37, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43,~~  
 14           ~~1-44, 1-48A, 1-48B, 1-49A, 1-49B, 1-52A, 1-52B, 1-53A, 1-53B, 1-53C, 1-53D, 1-~~  
 15           ~~54A, 1-54B, 1-55A, 1-55B, 1-56A, 1-56B, 1-57, 1-59, 1-60A, 1-60B, 1-62, 1-63, 1-~~  
 16           ~~64, 1-65, 1-69A, 1-69B, 1-71A, 1-71B, 1-71C, 1-71D, 1-72A, 1-72B, 1-72C, 1-73A,~~  
 17           ~~1-73B, 1-74A, 1-74B, 1-74C, 1-75A, 1-75B, 1-75C, 1-75D, 1-76A, 1-76B, 1-76C,~~  
 18           ~~1-76D, 1-78A, 1-78B, 1-79, 1-80, 1-81, 1-82A, 1-82B, 1-82C, 1-82D, 1-83A, 1-83B,~~  
 19           ~~1-87, 1-88A, 1-88B, 1-89, 1-90, 1-97, 1-98A, 1-98B, 1-99A, 1-99B, and 1-99C.~~ the  
 20           following precincts and parts of precincts contained within the corporate limits of the  
 21           city of Baton Rouge: 1-7, 1-9, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-37, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42,  
 22           1-43, 1-44, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-60, 1-64, 1-  
 23           65 (part), 1-66, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-80 (part), 1-81, 1-83, 1-87,  
 24           1-88 (part), 1-89 (part), 1-90, 1-97 (part), 1-98, 1-99 (part), 1-103, 1-105 (part), 1-  
 25           107 (part), 3-7 (part), 3-8(part), 3-10 (part), 3-11 (part), 3-12 (part), 3-17 (part), 3-21  
 26           (part), 3-23 (part), 3-24(part), 3-27 (part), 3-28 (part), 3-29 (part), 3-31 (part), 3-32  
 27           (part), 3-35 (part), 3-51 (part), 3-52 (part), and 3-55 (part).

28                         (c) Two judges shall be elected by election section one, and ~~three~~ two judges  
 29           shall be elected by election two, and one judge shall be elected from the entire  
 30           territorial area of the city of Baton Rouge at large.

1 (d) The metropolitan council for the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East  
 2 Baton Rouge, is hereby authorized to assign annexations which are approved  
 3 subsequent to ~~June 15, 1993, the effective date of Act No. 609 of the 1993 Regular~~  
 4 ~~Session of the Legislature~~ October 22, 2014, to the appropriate election section.  
 5 After each such assignment, the metropolitan council shall submit the assignment by  
 6 certified mail or by hand delivery with receipt to the Senate Committee on Senate  
 7 and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental  
 8 Affairs for approval. Upon the receipt of the submission, the Senate Committee on  
 9 Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and  
 10 Governmental Affairs shall have forty-five days to determine, either jointly or  
 11 separately, whether the assignment shall be approved or disapproved. If the time  
 12 period for action by the committees has lapsed without any action by such  
 13 committees, the assignment shall be deemed approved. If one or both committees  
 14 disapprove the assignment, such assignment to the election section shall not be  
 15 effective for any purpose.

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17 Section 2.(A) The judgeships designated on the effective date of this Act as divisions  
 18 "B" and "D" of the City Court of Baton Rouge are hereby assigned to election section one  
 19 for election purposes. The judgeships designated on the effective date of this Act as  
 20 divisions "A" and "E" of the City Court of Baton Rouge are hereby assigned to election  
 21 section two for election purposes. The judgeship designated on the effective date of this Act  
 22 as division "C" of the City Court of Baton Rouge is hereby assigned to the entire territorial  
 23 area of the city of Baton Rouge at large for election purposes.

24 (B) In addition to qualifications provided by law for a judge of the City Court of  
 25 Baton Rouge, a candidate for a judgeship elected by either election section need only be a  
 26 resident of the city of Baton Rouge. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed in any  
 27 manner to decrease the term of any judge serving on the effective date of this Act or to  
 28 prohibit any judge from seeking reelection in any division of the court.

29 Section 3.(A) The precincts for the Parish of East Baton Rouge referenced in this  
 30 Act are those contained in the file named "2014 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the

1 Louisiana House of Representatives website. The 2014 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon  
 2 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line  
 3 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified by the staff of the  
 4 Legislature of Louisiana to represent precinct changes submitted through August 13, 2014,  
 5 to the Legislature of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of  
 6 R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

7 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
 8 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
 9 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 10 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
 11 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
 12 designated. The territorial limits of the election sections as provided in this Act shall  
 13 continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the  
 14 parish governing authority. However, the territorial limits of the election sections may  
 15 change due to annexations as provided in R.S. 13:1952(4)(d).

16 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 20 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_