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Abstract: Provides for two election sections for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson.

Statistical summaries of underlined proposed law as well as maps illustrating proposed election section 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 for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson and provides for three judges of the court, who shall have the same term, possess the same qualifications as district judges, and shall receive a salary equal to the highest salary paid to any district judge in the parish. Provides that for purposes of nomination and election only there are three sections of the court, designated as Section "A", "B", and "C".

Proposed law provides for two election sections for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson and assigns two judges to election section one and one judge to election section two for election purposes.

Provides that the first vacancy occurring in a judgeship of the court after the effective date of proposed law shall be filled by an election held in election section two, and the remaining judgeships shall be assigned to election section one at that time. Provides, however, if no vacancy occurs or no election to fill a vacancy is scheduled before the opening of qualifying for the regularly scheduled elections occurring in 2020, then for election purposes, Section "A" shall be assigned to election section two and Sections "B" and "C" shall be assigned to election section one.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in proposed law are those contained in the file named "2017 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Specifies that the 2017 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 to represent precinct changes submitted through June 27, 2017, to the legislature by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532 and 532.1).

Proposed law additionally provides that when a precinct is subdivided on a nongeographic or geographic basis under present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the general precinct designation in the district description includes all nongeographic and geographic subdivisions of the precinct, and specifies 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.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:1596(B))

<u>Summary of Amendments Adopted by House</u>

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Change the boundaries of the election sections and specify that the precincts referenced are those contained in the "2017 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website.

2. Change the effectiveness of all the provisions to be upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

3. Make technical changes relative to the assignment of the judgeships to the election sections.