
DIGEST

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

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 specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in proposed law are those contained in the file named "2018 Precinct Shape files" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Specifies that the 2018 Precinct Shape files are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shape files for the state of La. as those files have been modified by the staff of the legislature to represent precinct changes submitted through July 3, 2018, 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. 13:1952(13))