

**ACT No. 253**

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2612, relative to territorial limits of justices of the peace and  
3 constables; to provide for the number of justices of the peace and constables elected  
4 in Pointe Coupee Parish; to provide relative to elections; to provide for applicability;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2612 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2612. Territorial jurisdiction; Pointe Coupee Parish justice of the peace courts and  
9 constables

10 Effective ~~January 1, 1997~~ January 1, 2026, the territorial limits of the justice  
11 of the peace courts and constables in Pointe Coupee Parish shall be the same as the  
12 ~~parish police jury districts~~ eight parish council districts within the parish ~~and the~~  
13 ~~persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for those courts~~  
14 ~~at the 1996 congressional election shall be elected from those districts.~~ If the ~~police~~  
15 ~~jury~~ council district lines are changed thereafter, the territorial jurisdiction of the  
16 justice of the peace courts and constables shall also be changed to coincide with the  
17 new ~~police jury~~ council district lines effective at the beginning of the next regular  
18 term of office for justices of the peace and constables. However, in the event that the  
19 change in ~~police jury~~ council district lines increases or reduces the number of ~~police~~  
20 ~~jury~~ council districts, the territorial jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts and  
21 constables shall not be changed but shall remain the same.

1           Section 2. This Act shall be effective for election purposes with the opening of the  
2           qualifying period for the regularly scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of the peace  
3           and constables, and the persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable  
4           for such justice of the peace courts in Pointe Coupee Parish at the next regularly scheduled  
5           election and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in this Act. The  
6           provisions of this Act shall be effective for all other purposes beginning January 1, 2027.

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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

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