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DIGEST

SB 17 Original

2022 First Extraordinary Session

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Present constitution (Const. Art. III, §6(A)) requires the legislature, by the end of the year following the year in which the state's population is reported to the president of the U.S. for each decennial federal census, to reapportion the representation in each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown by the census.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the 39 Senate districts effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action for purposes of the 2023 election.

Proposed law retains present districts until 10:00 a.m., January 8, 2024, at which time present law is repealed and proposed districts are effective for all other purposes.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. as validated through the data verification program of the La. legislature. Also specifies that if any such precinct has been subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 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 for election purposes only for the regular legislative elections in 2023; effective for all other purposes at 10:00 a.m., January 8, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 24:35.1; repeals R.S. 24:35)