

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Establishes election sections for the election of judges to the City Court of Lake Charles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1952(13), relative to the City Court of Lake Charles; to
3 provide for election sections for the election of judges to the court; to provide for
4 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §1952. Courts created by special legislative Act

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

13 * * *

14 (13)(a) The City Court of Lake Charles, domiciled in the city of Lake
15 Charles, parish of Calcasieu, having two city judges and a city marshal;

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

18 (i) Election section one shall consist of Precincts 300, 301, 302, 303, 304,
19 305, 307, 308, 309E, 309W, 310, 311, 312, 313E, 313W, 315E, 316E, 317, 318,

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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 to those election sections for election purposes.

Statistical summaries of proposed law, as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. (*Attached to the bill version on the internet.*)

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 as Division A of the City Court of Lake Charles is assigned to election section two for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship designated as Division B of the City Court of Lake Charles is assigned to election section one for election purposes. Specifies that any election to elect a judge to the court occurring after the effective date of proposed law shall be conducted within the appropriate election section established by proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:1952(13))

Plan Statistics

Plan: HLS 22RS-374 (W.Carter) Lake Charles City Court (Ward 3)

<u>Districts:</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Actual Population</u>	<u>Ideal Population</u>	<u>Absolute Deviation</u>	<u>Relative Deviation</u>
District 1	1	53,740	56,025	-2,285	-4.079%
District 2	1	58,311	56,025	2,286	4.080%
Grand Total:	2	112,051	112,050		

Ideal Population Per Member:	56025	
Number of Districts for Plan Type:	2	
Range of District Populations:	53,740	to 58,311
Absolute Mean Deviation:	2,286	
Absolute Range:	-2,285	to 2,286
Absolute Overall Range:	4,571	
Relative Mean Deviation:	4.08%	
Relative Range:	-4.08%	to 4.08%
Relative Overall Range:	8.16%	

<i>Ideal - Actual:</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>Remainder:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Unassigned Population:</i>	<i>0</i>

Note: The jurisdiction of the City Court of Lake Charles consists of Ward 3 of Calcasieu Parish. Precinct 360 is split by the ward line. The ward line is straight line extension north from Pujol Rd (Hwy 397) to the river. The 2020 Census Blocks do not match the ward line. There are two populated census blocks affected: One containing 12 people and the other containing 25 people. The report represents the closest approximation of the population of District 1 using the nearest 2020 census blocks.

District Summary

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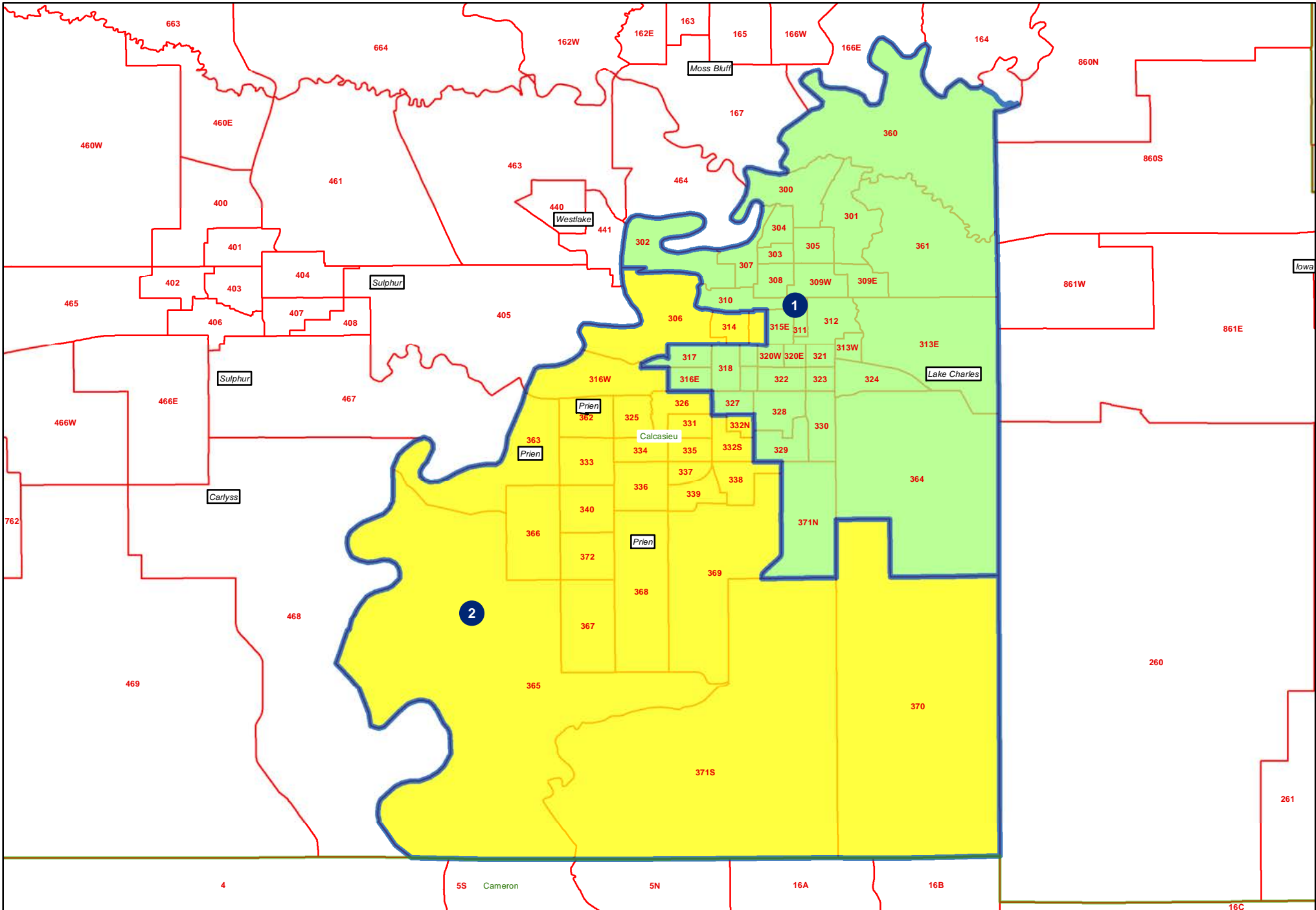
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	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total Other	Total Hispanic	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Hispanic Total	Reg Total Dec 2021	Reg White Dec 2021	Reg Black Dec 2021	Reg Other Dec 2021	Reg Dem Total Dec 2021	Reg Rep Total Dec 2021	Reg Other Total Dec 2021
District 1																	
Calcasieu	53,740	12,464	37,992	713	2,102	2,509	40,450	10,641	27,427	1,679	28,021	6,369	20,359	1,294	18,042	2,939	7,042
District 1	53,740	12,464	37,992	713	2,102	2,509	40,450	10,641	27,427	1,679	28,021	6,369	20,359	1,294	18,042	2,939	7,042
	100.000%	23.193%	70.696%	1.327%	3.911%	4.669%	100.000%	26.307%	67.805%	4.151%	69.273%	22.729%	72.656%	4.618%	64.387%	10.489%	25.131%
District 2																	
Calcasieu	58,311	41,665	9,820	2,663	3,205	3,840	45,120	33,366	6,777	2,664	31,452	26,033	3,642	1,777	8,747	13,759	8,946
District 2	58,311	41,665	9,820	2,663	3,205	3,840	45,120	33,366	6,777	2,664	31,452	26,033	3,642	1,777	8,747	13,759	8,946
	100.000%	71.453%	16.841%	4.567%	5.496%	6.585%	100.000%	73.949%	15.020%	5.904%	69.707%	82.771%	11.580%	5.650%	27.811%	43.746%	28.443%
Grand Total	112,051	54,129	47,812	3,376	5,307	6,349	85,570	44,007	34,204	4,343	59,473	32,402	24,001	3,071	26,789	16,698	15,988
	100.000%	48.307%	42.670%	3.013%	4.736%	5.666%	100.000%	51.428%	39.972%	5.075%	69.502%	54.482%	40.356%	5.164%	45.044%	28.077%	26.883%

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HLS 22RS-374 (W.Carter) Lake Charles City Court (Ward 3 Court) Ward 3*



Note: Precinct 360 is split by the ward line. The ward line is a straight line extension from Pujol Rd. (Hwy 397) to the River. The 2020 Census blocks do not line up with the ward line. This map is an approximation of District 1 using the nearest 2020 census block boundary.