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DIGEST

SB 3 Engrossed

2022 Second Extraordinary Session

Ward

Present U.S. Constitution (14th Amendment) provides that representatives in congress shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that the population of congressional districts in the same state must be as nearly equal in population as practicable.

Proposed law, for purposes of the 2022 election, redraws district boundaries for the six congressional districts, effective upon a final, unappealable judgment by a federal court in certain cases declaring the congressional plan enacted by Act 5 of the 2022 1st E.S. to be in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Proposed law provides for its effectiveness in lieu of Act No. 5 of the 2022 1st E.S., which also redrew district boundaries for the six congressional districts based on 2020 Census Redistricting Data.

Proposed law retains present districts based on 2010 Census Redistricting Data until noon on January 3, 2023, at which time present law is repealed and proposed districts are effective for all other purposes.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.

Proposed law specifies that proposed law does not reduce the term of office of any person holding any position or office on the effective date of proposed law for which the appointment or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to present law. Specifies that any position or office filled after January 3, 2023, for which the appointment or election is based on a congressional district shall be appointed or elected from a district as it is described in proposed law.

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 congressional elections in 2022; effective for all other purposes at noon on January 3, 2023; provided a final, unappealable judgment by a federal court in certain cases declares the congressional plan enacted by Act 5 of the 2022 1st E.S. to be in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(Amends R.S. 18:1276; repeals Sections 4 and 5(B) of Act 5 of the 2022 1st E.S.)