

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 2 (HB 2)**

**2022 First Extraordinary Session**

**Stefanski**

Existing constitution (Const. Art. IV, §21) creates the Public Service Commission (PSC) consisting of five members elected for overlapping six-year terms from single-member districts.

Prior law provided boundaries for five single-member districts based upon the 2010 federal decennial census.

New law redraws district boundaries for the PSC districts based upon the 2020 federal decennial census.

New law provides that the new districts became effective upon signature of governor (March 9, 2022) for election purposes only for PSC Districts 3 and 4 elections in 2022 and for the filling of any vacancy on the PSC at a special election held in 2022 after the effective date of new law. Retained districts based upon the 2010 census until noon on January 1, 2023, at which time prior law was repealed and the districts based upon the 2020 census, as established by proposed law, became effective for all other purposes.

New 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 existing 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 changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Statistical summaries of new law, including district variances from the ideal population of 931,551 and the range of those variances, as well as maps illustrating the new district boundaries accompany the enrolled bill version available on the internet. The population data in the summaries 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 new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (March 9, 2022) for election purposes only for regular PSC Districts 3 and 4 elections and specified vacancy elections in 2022; effective for all other purposes on January 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 45:1161.4; Repeals R.S. 45:1161.5)