

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 3 (HB 3)

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Existing constitution (Const. Art. VIII, §3(B)) provides that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) is composed of 11 members, eight of whom are elected from single-member districts and three of whom are appointed by the governor from the state at large.

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

New law redraws district boundaries for the BESE 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 the regular BESE elections in 2023. Retained districts based upon the 2010 census until noon on January 8, 2024, at which time prior law was repealed and the districts based upon the 2020 census, as established by new law, became effective for all other purposes.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 subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Statistical summaries of new law, including district variances from the ideal population of 582,219 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 the regular BESE elections in 2023; effective for all other purposes at noon on January 8, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 17:2.2; Repeals R.S. 17:2.1)