

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 240 (SB 80)

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New law requires a local governing body to hold at least two public hearings prior to the adoption of any redistricting plan. Further requires at least one hearing to be held within seven days after the publication of any proposed redistricting plan. New law further provides that each member of the public in attendance at a public redistricting hearing of a local governing body is entitled to testify in accordance with the rules of the local governing body.

New law requires the legislature to conduct a series of public hearings at different locations throughout the state, following the release of the redistricting data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census after each federal decennial census, to solicit public comment concerning the development of redistricting plans subject to enactment by the legislature. New law requires the public hearings to be broadcast live via the internet. Provides that if a technical difficulty occurs, the hearing shall be temporarily paused to address it; however the failure to resolve the issue shall not require the hearing to be terminated nor construed as a violation of new law.

New law requires the legislature to establish, maintain, and update a redistricting website and establishes minimum content requirements.

Effective June 9, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 18:1922.1 and R.S. 24:991 and 992)