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The Honorable Phillip R. DeVillier Speaker of the House Louisiana House of Representatives Box 94062 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable Michelle Fontenot Clerk of the House State Capitol 900 N. 3rd St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802



RE: House Bill 926 of the 2024 Regular Session by Representative Rodney Lyons

Dear Speaker DeVillier and Clerk Fontenot:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 926 of the 2024 Regular Session.

This bill creates a new election district for the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, dividing Jefferson Parish into three election sections. Notably, this bill does not provide a stated purpose or legislative intent for the creation of this new district.

I believe such a piecemeal approach to redistricting courts of appeals is unnecessary at this time. Rather, I support SR 142 of the 2024 Regular Session, in which the Louisiana State Senate noted that, "it is also necessary to study the territorial boundaries and the jurisdictional limits of each court." I believe such a study is necessary before new appellate districts are drawn.

For these reasons, House Bill 926 will not become law.

Sincerely.

Governor

Enclosure: Returned House Bill 926