

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides for the territorial jurisdiction and election districts of the justice of the peace courts and constables in Iberville Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2623, relative to the Iberville Parish justice of the peace courts; to provide  
3 for the territorial jurisdiction of such courts; to provide relative to the election to the  
4 offices of justice of the peace and constable; to provide for effectiveness; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2623 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2623. Territorial jurisdiction; Iberville Parish justice of the peace courts and  
9 constables

10 A. The territorial limits of the justice of the peace districts and courts in  
11 Iberville Parish shall be as follows:

12 (1) The first justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
13 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Iberville Parish.

14 (2) The second justice of the peace district and court shall consist of  
15 Precincts 9, 10, 10B, 11, and 12 of Iberville Parish.

16 (3) The third justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
17 13, 14, 14A, 15, 17, and 18 of Iberville Parish.

18 (4) The fourth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
19 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Iberville Parish.

1                   (5) The fifth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
2                   15A, 16, 24, and 25 of Iberville Parish.

3                   (6) The sixth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
4                   26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of Iberville Parish.

5                   B. The persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for  
6                   such justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish at the regularly scheduled election  
7                   in 2026 and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in this  
8                   Section.

9                   Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file  
10                  named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's  
11                  website on the effective date of this Section. The 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon  
12                  those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line  
13                  Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through  
14                  the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana  
15                  Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 16, 2025, to the Legislature  
16                  of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and  
17                  532.1.

18                  (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
19                  parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
20                  governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
21                  18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
22                  nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
23                  designated.

24                  (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in  
25                  effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish  
26                  governing authority.

27                  Section 3.(A) This Act shall become effective for purposes of the regularly  
28                  scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish upon  
29                  signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for

1 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section  
 2 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved  
 3 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective for purposes of the regularly scheduled  
 4 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish on the day  
 5 following such approval.

6 (B) This Act shall become effective for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.

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DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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HB 177 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the jurisdictional boundaries and election districts of justice of the peace courts and constable districts in Iberville Parish.

Statistical summaries of proposed law including maps illustrating proposed election section boundaries accompany this digest. (*Attached to the bill version on the internet.*)

Presently there are six justice of the peace courts and justice of the peace districts in Iberville Parish. Each elects a justice of the peace and a constable.

Proposed law provides for the territorial jurisdiction of the six justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish and provides that each district serves as an election district for justice of the peace and constable.

Proposed law provides that the persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for such justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish at the regularly scheduled election in 2026 and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts contained in the file named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the legislature's website. Provides that the 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of La. as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through Jan. 16, 2025, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities.

Proposed law 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.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for La. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

Effective for purposes of the regularly scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish upon governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Effective for all other purposes January 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 13:2623)