

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(19) and 621.19 and to repeal Section 5(E) of Act No. 145 of the 1994 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for the election sections from which judges are elected; to reduce the number of election sections; to provide for the assignment of judgeships to election sections; to provide for a judgeship to be elected at-large; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:477(19) and 621.19 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§477. Judicial districts

There shall be forty-one judicial districts in the state and each district shall be composed as follows:

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(19) The parish of East Baton Rouge shall compose the Nineteenth District. The Nineteenth District shall consist of ~~three~~ two election sections. Election section one shall consist of Precincts ~~INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX A, INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX B, 1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-10, 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25,~~

1 ~~1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-37, 1-38, 1-40, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50,~~
 2 ~~1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-77, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-94,~~
 3 ~~1-95, 1-100, 1-101, 2-16, 2-20, and 2-23~~ 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-9, 1-10,
 4 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25,
 5 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50,
 6 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-58, 1-60, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-70, 1-71,
 7 1-72, 1-76, 1-77, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-91, 1-92,
 8 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-96, 1-97, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102, 1-104, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-9,
 9 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-22, 2-23,
 10 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 3-8,
 11 3-11, 3-24, 3-27, 3-28, 3-32, 3-42, 3-54, and 3-72 of East Baton Rouge Parish.
 12 Election section two shall consist of Precincts ~~1-9, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-60, 1-70,~~
 13 ~~1-71, 1-72, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-87, 1-88, 1-93, 1-97, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6,~~
 14 ~~2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-17, 2-18, 2-21, 2-22, 2-24, 2-25,~~
 15 ~~2-26, 2-26A*, 2-26B*, 3-1, 3-2, 3-6, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-28,~~
 16 ~~3-30, and 3-32~~ 1-8, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-47, 1-48,
 17 1-49, 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89,
 18 1-90, 1-98, 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 1-106, 1-107, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4,
 19 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-10, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21,
 20 3-22, 3-23, 3-25, 3-26, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39,
 21 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-55,
 22 3-56, 3-57, 3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69,
 23 3-70, 3-71, 3-73, 3-74, 3-75, and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish. Election section
 24 ~~three shall consist of Precincts 1-2, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, 1-39, 1-41, 1-42,~~
 25 ~~1-43, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75,~~
 26 ~~1-76, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89, 1-90, 1-96, 1-98, 1-99, 1-102, 1-103, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-7, 3-10,~~
 27 ~~3-11, 3-13, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-27, 3-29, 3-31,~~
 28 ~~3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, and 3-38~~ of East Baton Rouge Parish.

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1 §621.19. Nineteenth Judicial District

2 The Nineteenth Judicial District Court shall have fifteen judges. ~~Five~~ Seven
 3 judges shall be elected from election section one, ~~five~~ seven judges shall be elected
 4 from election section two, and ~~five judges shall be elected from election section three~~
 5 one judge shall be elected at large. The judgeships designated as Divisions A, D, J,
 6 K, L, M, and O are assigned to election section one; the judgeships designated as
 7 Divisions C, E, F, G, H, I, and N are assigned to election section two; and the
 8 judgeship designated as Division B shall be elected at large.

9 Section 2. Section 5(E) of Act No. 145 of the 1994 Third Extraordinary Session of
 10 the Legislature of Louisiana is hereby repealed.

11 Section 3. (A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
 12 named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's
 13 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon
 14 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
 15 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through
 16 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana
 17 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 16, 2025, to the Legislature
 18 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and
 19 532.1.

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

26 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
 27 effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by
 28 the parish governing authority.

1 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____