

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

JUVENILES: Removes Evangeline Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (3)
3 through (10) and to repeal R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11), relative to the Acadiana Regional
4 Juvenile Justice District; to remove Evangeline Parish as a member of the Acadiana
5 Regional Juvenile Justice District; to remove a member of the board of
6 commissioners for the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (3) through
13 (10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §1109. Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; creation; definitions; domicile

15 A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District is hereby created as a
16 political subdivision of the state having a territorial jurisdiction throughout the
17 parishes of Acadia, Allen, ~~Evangeline~~, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry, St.
18 Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion.

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1 §1109.1. Board of commissioners; appointments; terms

2 A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission is hereby
3 created to control, administer, and manage the affairs of the district. The
4 commission shall be composed of a board of ~~eleven~~ ten commissioners who shall be
5 appointed as follows:

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7 ~~(3) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and~~
8 ~~residing within Evangeline Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and~~
9 ~~district attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of Evangeline~~
10 ~~Parish for an initial term of four years.~~

11 ~~(4)~~ (3) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
12 residing within Iberia Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district
13 attorney of the Sixteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of Iberia Parish for an initial
14 term of four years.

15 ~~(5)~~ (4) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
16 residing in Jefferson Davis Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and
17 district attorney for the Thirty-First Judicial District and the sheriff of Jefferson
18 Davis Parish for an initial term of four years.

19 ~~(6)~~ (5) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
20 residing in St. Landry Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and
21 district attorney for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District and the sheriff of St.
22 Landry Parish for an initial term of four years.

23 ~~(7)~~ (6) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
24 residing within St. Martin Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and
25 district attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of St. Martin Parish
26 for an initial term of four years.

27 ~~(8)~~ (7) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
28 residing in St. Mary Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district
29 attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of St. Mary Parish for an
30 initial term of four years.

Proposed law amends present law to reduce the number of commissioners from 11 to 10 and removes from the commission a qualified elector who is domiciled and residing within Evangeline Parish, who is jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the 30th JDC and the sheriff of Evangeline Parish.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(intro. para.) and (3)-(10); Repeals R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide for an effective date upon the governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.