

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 523

BY REPRESENTATIVE GIROD JACKSON

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

JUDGES: Provides relative to vacancies in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(introductory paragraph) and (24) and 621.24, relative to
3 judicial district; to provide for the composition of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial
4 District; to provide with respect to judges; to provide for certain elections and
5 judicial vacancies in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:477(introductory paragraph) and (24) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §477. Judicial districts

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

13 * * *

14 (24) The parish of Jefferson shall compose the Twenty-Fourth District.

15 Pursuant to the consent decree in the matter entitled "Janice Clark, et al v. Charles

16 Roemer, et al," No. 86-435-A, United States District Court, Middle District of

17 Louisiana, the Twenty-Fourth District shall consist of seven election sections.

18 Election section one shall consist of Divisions G and O. Election section two shall

19 consist of Divisions A, D, F, and N. Election section three shall consist of Divisions

20 K and L. Election section four shall consist of Divisions H and I. Election section

1 five shall be a minority section and shall consist of Divisions C and P. Election
2 section six shall consist of Divisions J and M. Election section seven shall consist
3 of Divisions B and E.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 13:477(24) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §477. Judicial districts

7 There shall be forty-two judicial districts in the state, and each district shall
8 be composed as follows:

9 * * *

10 (24) The parish of Jefferson shall compose the Twenty-Fourth District.

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19 of Divisions B and E.

20 Section 3. R.S. 13:621.24 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 §621.24. Twenty-Fourth Judicial District

22 A. The Twenty-Fourth Judicial District shall have sixteen judges.

23 B. The next vacancy in a judgeship which occurs after January 1, 2012, other
24 than a vacancy in either Division C or Division P, shall be filled by election from
25 election section five. Thereafter, the remaining judgeships shall continue to be filled
26 from the remaining election sections.

27 Section 4. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on August
28 15, 2011, the provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 31,
29 2014, and the provisions of Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2012.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that a vacancy in a judgeship in the 24th JDC occurring after January 1, 2012, shall be filled from the minority subdistrict.

Present law provides that the parish of Jefferson shall compose the 24th JDC and shall have 16 judges.

Proposed law retains present law and codifies the election sections established in the consent decree in the matter of "Janice Clark, et al v. Charles Roemer, et al," No. 86-435-A, U.S. District Court, Middle District of La.

Proposed law provides that the next judgeship vacancy in a division in the 24th JDC, except for Divisions C or P, occurring after Jan. 1, 2012 shall be filled by election from election section five.

(Amends R.S. 13:477(intro.para.) and (24) and 621.24)