

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 369

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

REAPPORTIONMENT: Requires the submission of redistricting plans in a specified format to the secretary of state

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 13-C of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 18:1945, relative to redistricting plans; to require the submission  
4 of redistricting plans in a specified format to the secretary of state; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Chapter 13-C of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
8 comprised of R.S.18:1945, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 13-C. REDISTRICTING PLAN SUBMISSIONS

10 §1945. Submission of redistricting plans to the secretary of state; required format

11 A.(1) If a local governing body utilizes a geographic information system to  
12 develop its redistricting plan, the local governing body shall submit an electronic  
13 shapefile which reflects its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within ten  
14 business days of its adoption of the redistricting plan.

15 (2) If a local governing body is unable to submit an electronic shapefile, the  
16 local governing body shall submit an ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency  
17 import file which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its  
18 redistricting plan to the secretary of state within ten business days of its adoption of  
19 the redistricting plan.

1           (3) For the purposes of this Subsection, "local governing body" shall include  
2           each parish governing authority, municipal governing authority, and school board.

3           B. The legislature shall submit an electronic shapefile which reflects a  
4           redistricting plan enacted by law to the secretary of state within thirty business days  
5           of enactment of the law by the legislature.

6           Section 2. The Legislature of Louisiana and each local governing body shall to the  
7           extent practicable transmit to the secretary of state in the manner prescribed by this Act each  
8           redistricting plan which is still in effect on the effective date of this Act no later than January  
9           1, 2017.

#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires each local governing body to submit an electronic shapefile (or if not possible, a comma delimited block equivalency import file) reflecting its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within 10 days and requires the legislature to submit an electronic shapefile which reflects a redistricting plan enacted by law to the secretary of state within 30 business days of enactment.

Proposed law requires a local governing body that utilizes a geographic information system to develop its redistricting plan to submit an electronic shapefile which reflects its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within 10 business days of its adoption. If a local governing body is unable to submit an electronic shapefile, requires the local governing body to submit an ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency import file which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within 10 business days of its adoption. Provides that "local governing body" includes each parish governing authority, municipal governing authority, and school board.

Proposed law further requires the legislature to submit an electronic shapefile which reflects a redistricting plan enacted by law to the secretary of state within 30 business days of enactment by the legislature.

Further provides that the legislature and each local governing body shall to the extent practicable transmit to the secretary of state in the manner prescribed by proposed law each redistricting plan which is still in effect on the effective date of proposed law no later than Jan. 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 18:1945)