AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1952(4), relative to the City Court of Baton Rouge; to provide for the composition of the election sections; to provide for the number of judges elected from each election section; to provide for the election of a judge at large; to provide for the assignment of divisions to each election section; to provide relative to the assignment of certain annexations to election sections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 13:1952(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1952.  Courts created by special legislative Act

The following city courts, heretofore created and established by special legislative Act, are hereby recognized and continued in existence and, except as otherwise provided in this Section, their territorial jurisdiction shall extend through the city and ward or wards wherein the city in which they are domiciled is located, as extended from time to time:

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(4)(a) The City Court of Baton Rouge, domiciled in the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge, having five city judges and a city constable. The court shall be divided into five divisions, namely, divisions "A", "B", "C", "D", and "E" and its territorial jurisdiction shall extend throughout the territorial area of the city of Baton Rouge as extended from time to time.

(b) For the purpose of electing judges, the court shall be divided into two election sections.

95A, 1-95B, 1-96A and 1-96B: the following precincts and parts of precincts
contained within the corporate limits of the city of Baton Rouge: 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4,
1-5, 1-6, 1-8, 1-10, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17 (part), 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23
1-50, 1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-77 (part), 1-78, 1-82, 1-84 (part), 1-
85 (part), 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95 (part), 1-100 (part), 1-101 (part), 1-102
(part), 1-104, 2-1 (part), 2-9 (part), 2-11 (part), 2-22 (part), 2-24 (part), 2-25 (part),
3-5 (part), 3-20 (part), and 3-50 (part).

following precincts and parts of precincts contained within the corporate limits of the
65 (part), 1-66, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-80 (part), 1-81, 1-83, 1-87,
1-88 (part), 1-89 (part), 1-90, 1-97 (part), 1-98, 1-99 (part), 1-103, 1-105 (part), 1-
107 (part), 3-7 (part), 3-8 (part), 3-10 (part), 3-11 (part), 3-12 (part), 3-17 (part), 3-21
(part), 3-23 (part), 3-24 (part), 3-27 (part), 3-28 (part), 3-29 (part), 3-31 (part), 3-32
(part), 3-35 (part), 3-51 (part), 3-52 (part), and 3-55 (part).

(c) Two judges shall be elected by election section one, and three two judges
shall be elected by election two, and one judge shall be elected from the entire
territorial area of the city of Baton Rouge at large.
(d) The metropolitan council for the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge, is hereby authorized to assign annexations which are approved subsequent to June 15, 1993, the effective date of Act No. 609 of the 1993 Regular Session of the Legislature October 22, 2014, to the appropriate election section. After each such assignment, the metropolitan council shall submit the assignment by certified mail or by hand delivery with receipt to the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs for approval. Upon the receipt of the submission, the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs shall have forty-five days to determine, either jointly or separately, whether the assignment shall be approved or disapproved. If the time period for action by the committees has lapsed without any action by such committees, the assignment shall be deemed approved. If one or both committees disapprove the assignment, such assignment to the election section shall not be effective for any purpose.

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Section 2.(A) The judgeships designated on the effective date of this Act as divisions "B" and "D" of the City Court of Baton Rouge are hereby assigned to election section one for election purposes. The judgeships designated on the effective date of this Act as divisions "A" and "E" of the City Court of Baton Rouge are hereby assigned to election section two for election purposes. The judgeship designated on the effective date of this Act as division "C" of the City Court of Baton Rouge is hereby assigned to the entire territorial area of the city of Baton Rouge at large for election purposes.

(B) In addition to qualifications provided by law for a judge of the City Court of Baton Rouge, a candidate for a judgeship elected by either election section need only be a resident of the city of Baton Rouge. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed in any manner to decrease the term of any judge serving on the effective date of this Act or to prohibit any judge from seeking reelection in any division of the court.

Section 3.(A) The precincts for the Parish of East Baton Rouge referenced in this Act are those contained in the file named "2014 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.
Louisiana House of Representatives website. The 2014 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon	hose Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified by the staff of the
Legislature of Louisiana to represent precinct changes submitted through August 13, 2014,
to the Legislature of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of
R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

(B) When a precinct referenced in this Act 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 the provisions of R.S.
18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
designated. The territorial limits of the election sections as provided in this Act shall
continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the
parish governing authority. However, the territorial limits of the election sections may
change due to annexations as provided in R.S. 13:1952(4)(d).

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ______________________

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