DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the composition of four election sections in the Eighteenth Judicial District and provides for the assignment of judgeships to those election sections for election purposes.

Statistical summaries of <u>proposed law</u>, as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. (Attached to the bill version on the internet.)

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Eighteenth Judicial District is composed of the parishes of Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates four election sections in the Eighteenth Judicial Districts. Provides that one judge shall be elected by the qualified electors of each election section. Provides that the judgeship designated as Division A of the Eighteenth Judicial District is assigned to election section four for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship designated as Division B of the Eighteenth Judicial District is assigned to election section three for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship designated as Division C of the Eighteenth Judicial District is assigned to election section one for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship designated as Division D of the Eighteenth Judicial District is assigned to election section two for election purposes. Specifies that any election to elect a judge to the court occurring after the effective date of <u>proposed law</u> shall be conducted within the appropriate election section established by <u>proposed law</u>.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. as validated through the data verification program of the La. legislature. Also specifies that if any such precinct 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 present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for La. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:477(18) and 621.18)