

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 400

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COURTS. Provides relative to election sections for judgeship of the family court for East Baton Rouge Parish. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1401.1 and 1403, relative to judgeships of the family court  
3 for East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the organization of election sections  
4 within the family court; to provide for the assignment of judgeships for election  
5 purposes; to provide for the election of judges; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 §1401.1. Election districts

8 The family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge shall consist of three  
9 election sections. ~~Election section one shall consist of Precincts 1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5,~~  
10 ~~1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-10, 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22,~~  
11 ~~1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-37, 1-38, 1-45, 1-50, 1-~~  
12 ~~51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-77, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94,~~  
13 ~~1-95, 1-100, 1-101, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-9, 2-13, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-20, 2-22, 2-23,~~  
14 ~~2-24, and 2-25. Election section two shall consist of Precincts 1-55, 1-60, 1-71, 1-81,~~  
15 ~~1-87, 1-88, 1-89, 1-90, 1-97, 1-98, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-14, 2-18,~~  
16 ~~2-21, 2-26, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-18,~~  
17 ~~3-19, 3-21, 3-22, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-28, 3-30, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, and 3-38. Election~~

1 ~~section three shall consist of Precincts 1-2, 1-9, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, 1-39,~~  
 2 ~~1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-56, 1-57, 1-~~  
 3 ~~59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-70, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-76, 1-78, 1-79, 1-80, 1-82,~~  
 4 ~~1-83, 1-96, 1-99, 1-102, 1-103, 3-5, 3-11, 3-13, 3-17, 3-20, 3-23, 3-27, 3-29, 3-31,~~  
 5 ~~3-35, 3-36, and 3-37.~~

6 **(1) Election section one shall be composed of Precincts 1-11, 1-20, 1-54,**  
 7 **1-55, 1-60, 1-70, 1-71, 1-77, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-87, 1-88, 1-93, 1-95,**  
 8 **1-97, 1-101, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16,**  
 9 **2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-23, 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31,**  
 10 **2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 3-8, 3-24 and 3-54 of East Baton Rouge Parish.**

11 **(2) Election section two shall be composed of Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4,**  
 12 **1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-10, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24,**  
 13 **1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50,**  
 14 **1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-76, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-94, 1-100,**  
 15 **1-102, 1-104, 2-22, 3-5, 3-20, 3-44, 3-50, 3-57 and 3-69 of East Baton Rouge**  
 16 **Parish.**

17 **(3) Election section three shall be composed of Precincts 1-8, 1-9, 1-12,**  
 18 **1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53,**  
 19 **1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89,**  
 20 **1-90, 1-98, 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 1-107, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 3-7,**  
 21 **3-9, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-25,**  
 22 **3-26, 3-27, 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39,**  
 23 **3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-55, 3-56, 3-58,**  
 24 **3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-70, 3-71 and 3-72 of**  
 25 **East Baton Rouge Parish.**

26 \* \* \*

27 §1403. Judges; qualification; election

28 There shall be four judges presiding over the family court, who shall possess  
 29 the same qualifications required of district judges. The judges shall be elected for the

1 same term and at the time fixed by law for the election of district judges throughout  
2 the state. One judge, **Division B**, shall be elected from election section one;~~;~~ one  
3 judge, **Division C**, shall be elected from election section two;~~;~~ and two judges,  
4 **Divisions A and D**, shall be elected from election section three.

5 Section 2.(A) Each judge of the family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge in  
6 office on the effective date of this Act shall be the judge for the election section having the  
7 same designation as the election section from which the justice was elected and may  
8 complete the term for which he was elected.

9 (B) The successor to the office of a judge of the family court for the parish of East  
10 Baton Rouge shall be elected from the election section assigned to that office as provided  
11 by R.S. 13:1403. The election shall be from the election section composed as provided by  
12 R.S. 13:1401.1.

13 Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those precincts identified as  
14 Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the  
15 state of Louisiana as validated through the data verification program of the Louisiana House  
16 of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate and available on the legislature's website on the  
17 effective date of this Section.

18 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
19 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
20 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
21 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
22 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
23 designated.

24 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in  
25 effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by  
26 the parish governing authority.

27 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

---

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

---

	DIGEST	
SB 400 Original	2024 Regular Session	Fields

Present law provides that the family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge will consist of three election sections and provides for the boundaries of the election sections.

Proposed law retains the three election sections but changes the section boundaries.

Present law provides that the family court of East Baton Rouge Parish will be composed of four judges.

Present law provides that one of the judges will be elected from election section one; one of the judges will be elected from election section two; and two of the judges will be elected from election section three.

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 without change 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 Louisiana. 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 the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:1401.1 and 1403)

# Plan Statistics

Plan: SLS 24RS-802 (Fields)

<u>Districts:</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Actual Population</u>	<u>Ideal Population</u>	<u>Absolute Deviation</u>	<u>Relative Deviation</u>
ES1	1	113,942	114,195	-253	-0.222%
ES2	1	114,103	114,195	-92	-0.081%
ES3	2	228,736	228,390	346	0.151%
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>456,781</b>	<b>456,780</b>		

  

Ideal Population Per Member:	114195		
Number of Districts for Plan Type:	3		
Range of District Populations:	113,942	to	228,736
Absolute Mean Deviation:	200		
Absolute Range:	-253	to	346
Absolute Overall Range:	599		
Relative Mean Deviation:	0.15%		
Relative Range:	-0.22%	to	0.15%
Relative Overall Range:	0.37%		

<b><i>Ideal - Actual:</i></b>	<b><i>-1</i></b>
<b><i>Remainder:</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Unassigned Population:</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

# Total Population

Plan: SLS 24RS-802 (Fields)

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	Total Hispanic	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	VAP Hispanic Total
ES1	113,942	24,293	79,884	2,858	864	6,043	6,873	84,324	19,793	57,637	2,148	665	4,081	4,581
	100.000%	21.320%	70.109%	2.508%	0.758%	5.304%	6.032%	100.000%	23.473%	68.352%	2.547%	0.789%	4.840%	5.433%
ES2	114,103	24,292	80,444	3,043	772	5,552	7,145	89,981	22,209	60,515	2,625	626	4,006	5,210
	100.000%	21.290%	70.501%	2.667%	0.677%	4.866%	6.262%	100.000%	24.682%	67.253%	2.917%	0.696%	4.452%	5.790%
ES3	228,736	147,484	53,070	10,524	3,091	14,567	16,533	181,307	121,879	38,638	7,826	2,456	10,508	11,748
	100.000%	64.478%	23.201%	4.601%	1.351%	6.368%	7.228%	100.000%	67.222%	21.311%	4.316%	1.355%	5.796%	6.480%
Grand Total	456,781	196,069	213,398	16,425	4,727	26,162	30,551	355,612	163,881	156,790	12,599	3,747	18,595	21,539
	100.000%	42.924%	46.718%	3.596%	1.035%	5.727%	6.688%	100.000%	46.084%	44.090%	3.543%	1.054%	5.229%	6.057%

# Voter Registration

Plan: SLS 24RS-802 (Fields)

	Reg Total Dec 2023	Reg White Dec 2023	Reg Black Dec 2023	Reg Other Dec 2023	Reg Dem Total Dec 2023	Reg Rep Total Dec 2023	Reg Other Total Dec 2023
ES1	67,706	15,732	48,608	3,366	42,793	9,410	15,503
	80.293%	23.236%	71.793%	4.971%	63.204%	13.898%	22.898%
ES2	55,872	10,004	43,036	2,832	36,677	4,551	14,644
	62.093%	17.905%	77.026%	5.069%	65.645%	8.145%	26.210%
ES3	145,259	107,009	27,858	10,392	44,152	60,443	40,664
	80.118%	73.668%	19.178%	7.154%	30.395%	41.611%	27.994%
Grand Total	268,837	132,745	119,502	16,590	123,622	74,404	70,811

# Splits

Plan: SLS 24RS-802 (Fields)

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	Reg Total Dec 2023	Reg White Dec 2023	Reg Black Dec 2023	Reg Other Dec 2023
ES1																
*East Baton Rouge	113,942	24,293	79,884	2,858	864	6,043	84,324	19,793	57,637	2,148	665	4,081	67,706	15,732	48,608	3,366
ES1	113,942	24,293	79,884	2,858	864	6,043	84,324	19,793	57,637	2,148	665	4,081	67,706	15,732	48,608	3,366
	100.000%	21.320%	70.109%	2.508%	0.758%	5.304%	100.000%	23.473%	68.352%	2.547%	0.789%	4.840%	80.293%	23.236%	71.793%	4.971%
ES2																
*East Baton Rouge	114,103	24,292	80,444	3,043	772	5,552	89,981	22,209	60,515	2,625	626	4,006	55,872	10,004	43,036	2,832
ES2	114,103	24,292	80,444	3,043	772	5,552	89,981	22,209	60,515	2,625	626	4,006	55,872	10,004	43,036	2,832
	100.000%	21.290%	70.501%	2.667%	0.677%	4.866%	100.000%	24.682%	67.253%	2.917%	0.696%	4.452%	62.093%	17.905%	77.026%	5.069%
ES3																
*East Baton Rouge	228,736	147,484	53,070	10,524	3,091	14,567	181,307	121,879	38,638	7,826	2,456	10,508	145,259	107,009	27,858	10,392
ES3	228,736	147,484	53,070	10,524	3,091	14,567	181,307	121,879	38,638	7,826	2,456	10,508	145,259	107,009	27,858	10,392
	100.000%	64.478%	23.201%	4.601%	1.351%	6.368%	100.000%	67.222%	21.311%	4.316%	1.355%	5.796%	80.118%	73.668%	19.178%	7.154%

# EBR Family Court

