

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 482

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

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

REAPPORTIONMENT: Provides for review of local redistricting plans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4) and to enact R.S. 18:532(F), 532.1(C)(5), and  
3 1922.2, relative to the review of local precinct and redistricting plans by the parish  
4 registrar of voters and clerk of court prior to adoption; to provide for consultation  
5 with a demographer; to provide for transmission of relevant data files; to provide for  
6 criteria for review; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:532(F),  
9 532.1(C)(5), and 1922.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §532. Establishment of precincts

11 \* \* \*

12 F. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance to establish the boundaries of  
13 precincts pursuant to this Section, the parish governing authority shall submit the  
14 proposed precincts and boundaries to the clerk of court and registrar of voters to  
15 confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed boundaries.

16 §532.1. Changing boundaries

17 \* \* \*

18 C.

19 \* \* \*

1           (4) In addition to the requirements of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, when  
2           the proposed precinct change involves dividing a precinct, prior to the adoption of  
3           the ordinance, the parish governing authority shall submit proposed changes to the  
4           clerk of court and registrar of voters to confirm the ability to conduct an election  
5           utilizing the proposed boundaries.

6           (5) No precinct boundary change shall become effective for the election  
7           unless the information required in this Subsection is received by the secretary of state  
8           prior to 4:30 p.m. at least four weeks prior to the date the qualifying period opens.

9                               \*       \*       \*

10           §1922.2. Approval of reapportionment plan by local election officials

11           A. Prior to the adoption of any local redistricting or reapportionment plan,  
12           a local governing body shall submit the proposed plan to the parish registrar of voters  
13           and clerk of court for review. If the local governing body utilizes a demographer to  
14           produce the proposed plan, the demographer shall be available to the registrar of  
15           voters and clerk of court to conduct their review. If the local governing body utilizes  
16           a geographic information system to develop its redistricting plan, it shall submit the  
17           proposed plan to the registrar of voters and clerk of court electronically in a  
18           geospatial shape file or an ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency import file  
19           which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its redistricting  
20           plan.

21           B.(1) The registrar of voters shall review and confirm that each district of the  
22           proposed plan assigns all of the geography of the affected area without omission or  
23           duplication. If the proposed plan utilizes precincts, the registrar shall confirm the  
24           proposed plan utilizes the most current precincts established by the parish governing  
25           authority pursuant to R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

26           (2) The registrar of voters and clerk of court shall review and confirm the  
27           ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed plan.

---

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 482 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

Thomas

**Abstract:** Provides for review by the clerk of court and registrar of voters of local redistricting and reapportionment plans adopted by and precincts established and changed by a local governing authority.

Present law provides for the parish governing authority to establish precincts, define the territorial limits for which each precinct is established, prescribe their boundaries, and designate the precincts.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that prior to the adoption of an ordinance to establish the boundaries of precincts, the parish governing authority shall submit the proposed precincts and boundaries to the clerk of court and registrar of voters to confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed boundaries.

Present law authorizes the parish governing authority to change established precincts by either merging one or more precincts or dividing a precinct into two or more precincts.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that when the proposed precinct change involves dividing a precinct, prior to the adoption of the ordinance, the parish governing authority shall submit proposed changes to the clerk of court and registrar of voters to confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed boundaries.

Proposed law provides that prior to the adoption of any local redistricting or reapportionment plan, a local governing body shall submit the proposed plan to the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court for review. If the local governing body utilizes a demographer to produce the proposed plan, the demographer shall be available to the registrar of voters and clerk of court to conduct their review. If the local governing body utilizes a geographic information system to develop its redistricting plan, it shall submit the proposed plan to the registrar of voters and clerk of court electronically in a shapefile or an ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency import file which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its redistricting plan.

Proposed law provides that the registrar of voters shall review and confirm that each district of the proposed plan is composed of contiguous geography and that the proposed plan assigns all of the geography of the affected area without omission or duplication. If the proposed plan utilizes precincts, the registrar shall confirm the proposed plan shall utilizes the most current precincts established by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law provides that the registrar of voters and clerk of court shall review and confirm the ability to conduct an election utilizing the proposed plan.

(Amends R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4); Adds R.S. 18:532(F), 532.1(C)(5), and 1922.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.