

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

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

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides for the territorial jurisdiction and election districts of the justice of the peace courts and constables in Iberville Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2623, relative to the Iberville Parish justice of the peace courts; to provide
3 for the territorial jurisdiction of such courts; to provide relative to the election to the
4 offices of justice of the peace and constable; to provide for effectiveness; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2623 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2623. Territorial jurisdiction; Iberville Parish justice of the peace courts and
9 constables

10 A. The territorial limits of the justice of the peace districts and courts in
11 Iberville Parish shall be as follows:

12 (1) The first justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
13 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Iberville Parish.

14 (2) The second justice of the peace district and court shall consist of
15 Precincts 9, 10, 10B, 11, and 12 of Iberville Parish.

16 (3) The third justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
17 13, 14, 14A, 15, 17, and 18 of Iberville Parish.

18 (4) The fourth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
19 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Iberville Parish.

1 (5) The fifth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts

2 15A, 16, 24, and 25 of Iberville Parish.

3 (6) The sixth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts

4 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of Iberville Parish.

5 B. The persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for

6 such justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish at the regularly scheduled election

7 in 2026 and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in this

8 Section.

9 Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file

10 named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's

11 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon

12 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line

13 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through

14 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana

15 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 16, 2025, to the Legislature

16 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and

17 532.1.

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 without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish

26 governing authority.

27 Section 3.(A) This Act shall become effective for purposes of the regularly

28 scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish upon

29 signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for

1 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
2 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
3 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective for purposes of the regularly scheduled
4 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish on the day
5 following such approval.

6 (B) This Act shall become effective for all other purposes on January 1, 2027.

DIGEST

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HB 177 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the jurisdictional boundaries and election districts of justice of the peace courts and constable districts in Iberville Parish.

Statistical summaries of proposed law including maps illustrating proposed election section boundaries accompany this digest. *(Attached to the bill version on the internet.)*

Presently there are six justice of the peace courts and justice of the peace districts in Iberville Parish. Each elects a justice of the peace and a constable.

Proposed law provides for the territorial jurisdiction of the six justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish and provides that each district serves as an election district for justice of the peace and constable.

Proposed law provides that the persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for such justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish at the regularly scheduled election in 2026 and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts contained in the file named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the legislature's website. Provides that the 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of La. as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through Jan. 16, 2025, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities.

Proposed law 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 for purposes of the regularly scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish upon governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Effective for all other purposes January 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 13:2623)