

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

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.

20 (5) The fifth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
21 15A, 16, 24, and 25 of Iberville Parish.

1 (6) The sixth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
2 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of Iberville Parish.

3 B. The persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for
4 such justice of the peace courts in Iberville Parish at the regularly scheduled election
5 in 2026 and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in this
6 Section.

7 Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
8 named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's
9 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon
10 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
11 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through
12 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana
13 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 16, 2025, to the Legislature
14 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and
15 532.1.

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

22 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
23 effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish
24 governing authority.

25 Section 3.(A) This Act shall become effective for purposes of the regularly
26 scheduled 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish upon
27 signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
28 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
29 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
30 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective for purposes of the regularly scheduled

1 2026 primary election for justices of peace and constables in Iberville Parish on the day
2 following such approval.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____