

# ACT No. 199

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 482

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

## AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

### §532. Establishment of precincts

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F. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance to establish the boundaries of precincts pursuant to this Section, 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.

### §532.1. Changing boundaries

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(4) In addition to the requirements of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, 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.

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

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§1922.2. Approval of reapportionment plan by local election officials

A. 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 geospatial shape file or an ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency import file which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its redistricting plan.

B.(1) The registrar of voters shall review and confirm that each district of 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 utilizes the most current precincts established by the parish governing authority pursuant to R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_