

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

New law requires, prior to the adoption of an ordinance to establish the boundaries of precincts, the parish governing authority to 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.

Existing 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.

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

New 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. Provides that 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. Provides that 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.

New law requires the registrar of voters to 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, requires the registrar to confirm that the proposed plan utilizes the most current precincts established by the parish governing authority.

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2025.

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