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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to redistricting data involving incarcerated individuals.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) within six months of Aug. 1, 2026, to collect and maintain an electronic record of information for every incarcerated individual who has been committed to the custody of the DPS&C. Further provides what is to be included within this information.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C to permit an incarcerated individual to update his last known residential address, as practicable.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C, by May 1<sup>st</sup> in any year when the federal decennial census is taken but where the US Census Bureau allocates incarcerated individuals as residents of correctional facilities, to report certain information to the secretary of state.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to request each agency for a report that includes the information contained in proposed law if that agency operates a federal facility in this state that incarcerates individuals convicted of criminal offenses.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to collect and prepare redistricting population data to reflect each incarcerated individual at his last known residential address. Further provides that the data shall be the basis of the senatorial districts, the representative districts, and all local government districts that are based on population.

Proposed law provides that populations of incarcerated individuals who are residing at unknown geographic locations within the state shall not be used to determine the ideal population of any set of districts, wards, or precincts.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to determine the geographic units where population counts in the federal decennial census contain both the facility of incarceration and the legal residence of each incarcerated individual who is included in the report required by proposed law.

Proposed law provides for certain duties of the secretary of state if the legal residence of any incarcerated individual is both known and located in La.

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reside in a federal correctional facility.

Proposed law provides that the data collected pursuant to proposed law shall be published no later than 30 days from the date that federal decennial redistricting data is published for the state and requires the secretary of state to notify local governments to use the data for redistricting purposes.

Proposed law provides that the data collected pursuant to proposed law shall not be used in the distribution of any state or federal aid.

Proposed law provides for severability.

(Adds R.S. 18:101.2)