

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 442

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

COURTS: Provides relative to election sections for judgeship of the family court for East Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1401.1 and 1403, relative to judgeships of the family court  
3 for East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the organization of election sections  
4 within the family court; to provide for the assignment of judgeships for election  
5 purposes; to provide for the election of judges; to provide for an effective date; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:1401.1 and 1403 hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §1401.1. Election districts

11 The family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge shall consist of three  
12 election sections. ~~Election section one shall consist of Precincts 1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5,~~  
13 ~~1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-10, 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22,~~  
14 ~~1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-37, 1-38, 1-45, 1-50, 1-~~  
15 ~~51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-77, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94,~~  
16 ~~1-95, 1-100, 1-101, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-9, 2-13, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-20, 2-22, 2-23,~~  
17 ~~2-24, and 2-25. Election section two shall consist of Precincts 1-55, 1-60, 1-71, 1-~~  
18 ~~81, 1-87, 1-88, 1-89, 1-90, 1-97, 1-98, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-14, 2-~~  
19 ~~18, 2-21, 2-26, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-~~  
20 ~~18, 3-19, 3-21, 3-22, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-28, 3-30, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, and 3-38.~~

1 Election section three shall consist of Precincts ~~1-2, 1-9, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36,~~  
2 ~~1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-56, 1-~~  
3 ~~57, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-70, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-76, 1-78, 1-79, 1-80,~~  
4 ~~1-82, 1-83, 1-96, 1-99, 1-102, 1-103, 3-5, 3-11, 3-13, 3-17, 3-20, 3-23, 3-27, 3-29,~~  
5 ~~3-31, 3-35, 3-36, and 3-37.~~

6 (1) Election section one is composed of Precincts 1-11, 1-20, 1-54, 1-55,  
7 1-60, 1-70, 1-71, 1-77, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-87, 1-88, 1-93, 1-95, 1-96,  
8 1-97, 1-101, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16,  
9 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-23, 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31,  
10 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 3-8, 3-24, 3-42, and 3-54 of East Baton Rouge  
11 Parish.

12 (2) Election section two is composed of Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6,  
13 1-7, 1-10, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27,  
14 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50, 1-51, 1-58, 1-61,  
15 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-76, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-94, 1-100, 1-102, 1-104, 2-22, 3-5,  
16 3-20, 3-44, 3-50, 3-57, and 3-69 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

17 (3) Election section three is composed of Precincts 1-8, 1-9, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34,  
18 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-56, 1-57,  
19 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89, 1-90, 1-98,  
20 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 1-106, 1-107, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9,  
21 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-25,  
22 3-26, 3-27, 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39,  
23 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-55, 3-56, 3-58,  
24 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-70, 3-71, 3-72, 3-73,  
25 3-74, 3-75, and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

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27 §1403. Judges; qualification; election

28 There shall be four judges presiding over the family court, who shall possess  
29 the same qualifications required of district judges. The judges shall be elected for

1 the same term and at the time fixed by law for the election of district judges  
2 throughout the state. One judge, Division B, shall be elected from election section  
3 one; one judge, Division C, shall be elected from election section two; and two  
4 judges, Divisions A and D, shall be elected from election section three.

5 Section 2.(A) Each judge of the family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge in  
6 office on the effective date of this Act shall be judge for the election section having the same  
7 designation as the election section from which he was elected and may complete the term  
8 for which he was elected.

9 (B) The successor to the office of a judge of the family court for the parish of East  
10 Baton Rouge shall be elected from the election section assigned to that office as provided  
11 by R.S. 13:1403. The election shall be from the election section composed as provided by  
12 R.S. 13:1401.1.

13 Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file  
14 named "2026 Precinct Shapefiles (01-27-2026)" available on the website of the Legislature  
15 of Louisiana on the effective date of this Section. The 2026 Precinct Shapefiles are based  
16 upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line  
17 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those filed have been modified and validated through  
18 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana  
19 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 27, 2026, to the Legislature  
20 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and  
21 532.1.

22 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
23 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
24 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
25 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
26 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
27 designated.

1 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in  
2 effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by  
3 the parish governing authority.

4 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8 effective on the day following such approval.

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### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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HB 442 Original

2026 Regular Session

Marcelle

**Abstract:** Provides for the election sections for judgeship of the family court for East Baton Rouge Parish.

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

Present law provides that the family court for the parish of East Baton Rouge will consist of three election sections.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the boundaries of the election sections.

Proposed law provides for the change of the boundaries of the election sections.

Present law provides that the family court of East Baton Rouge Parish is composed of four judges. Provides that one judge is elected from election section one; one judge is elected from election section two; and two judges are elected from election section three.

Proposed law provides that one judge, Division B, shall be elected from election section one; one judge, Division C, shall be elected from election section two; and two judges, Divisions A and D, shall be elected from election section three.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts contained in the file named "2026 Precinct Shapefiles (01-27-2026)" available on the legislature's website. The 2026 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon 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 data verification program of the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through Jan. 27, 2026, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities.

Proposed law 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 upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:1401.1 and 1403)

# Plan Statistics

## Plan: 26RS-224 EBR Family Court (Marcelle)

<u>Districts:</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Actual Population</u>	<u>Ideal Population</u>	<u>Absolute Deviation</u>	<u>Relative Deviation</u>
ES1	1	113,942	114,195	-253	-0.222%
ES2	1	114,103	114,195	-92	-0.081%
ES3	2	228,736	228,390	346	0.151%
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>456,781</b>	<b>456,780</b>		

  

<b>Ideal Population Per Member:</b>	<b>114195</b>		
Number of Districts for Plan Type:	3		
Range of District Populations:	113,942	to	228,736
Absolute Mean Deviation:	200		
Absolute Range:	-253	to	346
<b>Absolute Overall Range:</b>	<b>599</b>		
Relative Mean Deviation:	0.15%		
Relative Range:	-0.22%	to	0.15%
<b>Relative Overall Range:</b>	<b>0.37%</b>		

<i>Ideal - Actual:</i>	<b>-1</b>
<i>Remainder:</i>	<b>1</b>
<i>Unassigned Population:</i>	<b>0</b>

# Total Population

## Plan: 26RS-224 EBR Family Court (Marcelle)

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	Total Hispanic	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	VAP Hispanic Total
ES1	113,942	24,293	79,884	2,858	864	6,043	6,873	84,324	19,793	57,637	2,148	665	4,081	4,581
	100.000%	21.320%	70.109%	2.508%	0.758%	5.304%	6.032%	100.000%	23.473%	68.352%	2.547%	0.789%	4.840%	5.433%
ES2	114,103	24,292	80,444	3,043	772	5,552	7,145	89,981	22,209	60,515	2,625	626	4,006	5,210
	100.000%	21.290%	70.501%	2.667%	0.677%	4.866%	6.262%	100.000%	24.682%	67.253%	2.917%	0.696%	4.452%	5.790%
ES3	228,736	147,484	53,070	10,524	3,091	14,567	16,533	181,307	121,879	38,638	7,826	2,456	10,508	11,748
	100.000%	64.478%	23.201%	4.601%	1.351%	6.368%	7.228%	100.000%	67.222%	21.311%	4.316%	1.355%	5.796%	6.480%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>456,781</b>	<b>196,069</b>	<b>213,398</b>	<b>16,425</b>	<b>4,727</b>	<b>26,162</b>	<b>30,551</b>	<b>355,612</b>	<b>163,881</b>	<b>156,790</b>	<b>12,599</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>18,595</b>	<b>21,539</b>
	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>42.924%</b>	<b>46.718%</b>	<b>3.596%</b>	<b>1.035%</b>	<b>5.727%</b>	<b>6.688%</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>46.084%</b>	<b>44.090%</b>	<b>3.543%</b>	<b>1.054%</b>	<b>5.229%</b>	<b>6.057%</b>

# Voter Registration

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	Reg Total Dec 2025	Reg White Dec 2025	Reg Black Dec 2025	Reg Other Dec 2025	Reg Dem Total Dec 2025	Reg Rep Total Dec 2025	Reg Other Total Dec 2025
ES1	59,619	13,482	43,166	2,971	37,459	8,600	13,560
	70.702%	22.614%	72.403%	4.983%	62.831%	14.425%	22.744%
ES2	43,922	8,085	33,486	2,351	28,615	3,742	11,565
	48.813%	18.408%	76.240%	5.353%	65.150%	8.520%	26.331%
ES3	133,707	98,187	25,713	9,807	38,189	57,954	37,564
	73.746%	73.434%	19.231%	7.335%	28.562%	43.344%	28.094%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>237,248</b>	<b>119,754</b>	<b>102,365</b>	<b>15,129</b>	<b>104,263</b>	<b>70,296</b>	<b>62,689</b>

# Splits

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	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	Reg Total Dec 2025	Reg White Dec 2025	Reg Black Dec 2025	Reg Other Dec 2025
ES1																
*East Baton Rouge	113,942	24,293	79,884	2,858	864	6,043	84,324	19,793	57,637	2,148	665	4,081	59,619	13,482	43,166	2,971
<b>ES1</b>	<b>113,942</b>	<b>24,293</b>	<b>79,884</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>84,324</b>	<b>19,793</b>	<b>57,637</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>59,619</b>	<b>13,482</b>	<b>43,166</b>	<b>2,971</b>
	100.000%	21.320%	70.109%	2.508%	0.758%	5.304%	100.000%	23.473%	68.352%	2.547%	0.789%	4.840%	70.702%	22.614%	72.403%	4.983%
ES2																
*East Baton Rouge	114,103	24,292	80,444	3,043	772	5,552	89,981	22,209	60,515	2,625	626	4,006	43,922	8,085	33,486	2,351
<b>ES2</b>	<b>114,103</b>	<b>24,292</b>	<b>80,444</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>5,552</b>	<b>89,981</b>	<b>22,209</b>	<b>60,515</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>4,006</b>	<b>43,922</b>	<b>8,085</b>	<b>33,486</b>	<b>2,351</b>
	100.000%	21.290%	70.501%	2.667%	0.677%	4.866%	100.000%	24.682%	67.253%	2.917%	0.696%	4.452%	48.813%	18.408%	76.240%	5.353%
ES3																
*East Baton Rouge	228,736	147,484	53,070	10,524	3,091	14,567	181,307	121,879	38,638	7,826	2,456	10,508	133,707	98,187	25,713	9,807
<b>ES3</b>	<b>228,736</b>	<b>147,484</b>	<b>53,070</b>	<b>10,524</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>181,307</b>	<b>121,879</b>	<b>38,638</b>	<b>7,826</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>10,508</b>	<b>133,707</b>	<b>98,187</b>	<b>25,713</b>	<b>9,807</b>
	100.000%	64.478%	23.201%	4.601%	1.351%	6.368%	100.000%	67.222%	21.311%	4.316%	1.355%	5.796%	73.746%	73.434%	19.231%	7.335%

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