
DIGEST

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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)