
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 708
by Representative VentrellaAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 13:2602 and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, change "C.(1)" to "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 13:2602 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2602. Territorial jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts of East Baton Rouge Parish

~~A. The territorial jurisdiction of the several justice of the peace courts within the parish of East Baton Rouge, as they exist on the effective date of this Section, shall continue and shall not be diminished or otherwise changed by reason of the annexation into any municipality within the parish of all or any part of the area comprising such territorial jurisdiction of a justice of the peace court.~~

The territorial jurisdiction of the justice of the peace districts and courts in East Baton Rouge Parish shall be as follows:

(1) District 1 is composed of Precincts 2-5, 2-14, 2-15, 2-18, 2-21, 2-26, 2-28, 2-29, 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, and 2-38 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, and 2-33 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(3) District 3 is composed of Precincts 1-2, 1-9, 1-33, 1-34, 1-36, 1-49, 1-52, 1-53, 1-55, 1-57, 1-60, 1-71, 1-72, 1-74, 1-87, 1-97, 1-104, 3-1, 3-2, 3-6, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-30, 3-37, 3-42, 3-46, 3-54, 3-58, and 3-61 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(4) District 4 is composed of Precincts 1-10, 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-50, 1-54, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-70, 1-77, 1-78, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-88, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-96, 1-100, 1-101, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-16, 2-17, 2-19, 2-20, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24, 2-25, 2-27, 2-30, and 2-31 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(5) District 5 is composed of Precincts 1-79, 1-80, 1-81, 1-89, 1-90, 1-98, 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 3-3, 3-7, 3-10, 3-11, 3-13, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-21, 3-22, 3-27, 3-28, 3-29, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-38, 3-39, 3-41, 3-43, 3-45, 3-47, 3-48, 3-51, 3-53, 3-59, 3-60, 3-66, 3-71, 3-72, and 3-73 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

(6) District 6 is composed of Precincts 1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-12, 1-35, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-51, 1-56, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-67, 1-69, 1-73, 1-75, 1-76, 1-102, 1-106, 1-107, 3-4, 3-5, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-23, 3-35, 3-36, 3-40, 3-44, 3-49, 3-50, 3-52, 3-55, 3-56, 3-57, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70, 3-74, 3-75, and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish.

~~B. Whenever, by reason of annexation, the territorial jurisdiction of a mayor's court or a city court is extended into all or any part of the territorial jurisdiction of a justice of the peace court theretofore existing, the territorial jurisdiction of the mayor's court or the city court, as the case may be, shall be concurrent with that of~~

1 ~~the justice of the peace court.~~ The persons elected to the offices of justice of the
2 peace and constable for such justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish
3 at the regularly scheduled election in 2026 and their successors shall be elected from
4 districts provided in this Section.

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

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

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

23 Section 4. Each justice of the peace court in East Baton Rouge Parish shall
24 retain jurisdiction over any matter properly filed with the court on or before the
25 effective date of this Act.

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