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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Green to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 197 by Senator Morris

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete "R.S. 13:312.1(D)," and insert "R.S. 13:312.1(A),
3 (D), and (E)(1) and (2)(a),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, delete lines 3 through 6 in their entirety and insert the following:

6 "for the number of judges on the First Circuit Court of Appeal; to increase the
7 number of judges serving on the first circuit; to provide for the implementation of
8 the increased number of judges; to provide for the number of judges on the Fourth
9 Circuit Court of Appeal; to reduce the number of judges serving on the fourth circuit;
10 to provide for the implementation of the reduced number of judges; to provide for
11 the number of judges on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; to increase the number
12 of judges serving on the fifth circuit; to provide for the implementation of the
13 increased number of judges; to provide for an election; to provide for an effective
14 date; and to provide for related matters."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 3

16 On page 1, line 8, after "Section 1." delete "R.S. 13:312.1(D) is" and insert "R.S.
17 13:312.1(A), (D), and (E)(1) and (2)(a) are"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 4

19 On page 1, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

20 "A. The Court of Appeal for the First Circuit, domiciled in the city of Baton
21 Rouge, shall have ~~twelve~~ thirteen judges. Four judges shall be elected from each
22 of the three districts composing the circuit by the qualified electors of each district,
23 respectively. However, in the first district, one judge, Division C, shall be elected
24 from election section one by the qualified electors of election section one, and one
25 judge, Division A, shall be elected from election section two by the qualified electors
26 of election section two. ~~The remaining two~~ Two judges in the first district, Divisions
27 B and D, shall be elected by the qualified electors of the entire first district. The
28 remaining judge shall be elected at large from the third district of the first
29 circuit."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 5

31 On page 1, after line 17, add the following:

32 "E.(1) The Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit, domiciled in the city of
33 Gretna, shall be composed of ~~eight~~ nine judges.
34 (2)(a) ~~Six~~ Seven judges shall be elected from the first district of the fifth
35 circuit by the qualified electors thereof.

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2 Section 2. The first judge to be elected for the additional office of judge for the First
3 Circuit Court of Appeal shall be elected from the circuit at large by the qualified electors
4 thereof at the general election for Representatives in Congress to be held in Louisiana on the
5 first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026 and every ten years
6 thereafter.

7 Section 3. The first judge to be elected for the additional office of judge for the Fifth
8 Circuit Court of Appeal shall be elected from the first district of the fifth circuit by the
9 qualified electors thereof at the general election for Representatives in Congress to be held
10 in Louisiana on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026 and
11 every ten years thereafter."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 6

13 On page 2, line 1, change "2" to "4"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 7

15 On page 2, line 7, change "3" to "5"