

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 2 (SB 121)

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Present U.S. Constitution (14th Amendment) provides that representatives in congress shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state. The United States Supreme Court has held that the population of congressional districts in the same state must be as nearly equal in population as practicable.

Prior law provided for six congressional districts consisting of two majority minority districts and four majority majority districts based on the 2020 federal decennial census.

New law, based on a recent United States Supreme Court ruling that prior congressional district maps were unconstitutionally drawn, creates six congressional districts which include one majority minority district.

New law provides that the new congressional districts become effective on May 11, 2026 for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2026. Retains existing congressional districts cease at until noon on January 3, 2027, at which time prior law is repealed and the new districts established by new law, become effective for all other purposes.

New law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the file named "2026 Precinct Shapefiles (1-27-2026)" available on the La. Legislature's website. Specifies that the 2026 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. Legislature. Further specifies that if any 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 prior law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions. Provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted in existing law continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

New law does not reduce the term of office of any person holding any position or office on May 11, 2026 for which the appointment or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to existing law. Any position or office filled after January 3, 2027, for which the appointment or election is based upon a congressional district shall be appointed or elected from a district as it is described in new law.

Effective on May 11, 2026 for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2026 and effective for all other purposes at noon on January 3, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 18:1276; repeals R.S. 18:1276.1)