

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that the parishes of Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, and Vernon compose the second district of the Third Circuit Court of Appeal. Existing law divides the second district into two election sections. Existing law provides that the three judges of the second district shall be elected by electing one judge from election section one and by electing two judges from election section two.

Prior law provided for the composition of those election sections.

New law changes the composition of election section one and election section two of the second district (see attached map and statistics); specifies that the judgeship designated as division "C" shall be assigned to election section one for election purposes and the judgeships designated as divisions "A" and "B" shall be assigned to election section two for election purposes.

New law requires the election sections used in new law to be evaluated by the end of the year following the year of official release of the decennial federal census to determine if there exists any substantial variation in population in a district.

New law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in new law are those contained in the file named "2018 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Specifies that the 2018 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. as those files have been modified by the staff of the legislature to represent precinct changes submitted through July 3, 2018, to the legislature by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of existing law (R.S. 18:532 and 532.1).

New law additionally provides that when a precinct is subdivided on a nongeographic or geographic basis under existing law (R.S. 18:532.1), the general precinct designation in the district description includes all nongeographic and geographic subdivisions of the precinct, and specifies that the territorial limits of the election sections as provided in new law shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for Louisiana. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 13, 2020).

(Amends R.S. 13:312(3)(b)(ii))