

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

JUVENILES: Removes Evangeline Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (3)  
3 through (10) and to repeal R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11), relative to the Acadiana Regional  
4 Juvenile Justice District; to remove Evangeline Parish as a member of the Acadiana  
5 Regional Juvenile Justice District; to remove a member of the board of  
6 commissioners for the district; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (3) through  
12 (10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §1109. Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; creation; definitions; domicile

14 A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District is hereby created as a  
15 political subdivision of the state having a territorial jurisdiction throughout the  
16 parishes of Acadia, Allen, ~~Evangeline~~, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry, St.  
17 Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion.

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19 §1109.1. Board of commissioners; appointments; terms

20 A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission is hereby  
21 created to control, administer, and manage the affairs of the district. The

1 commission shall be composed of a board of ~~eleven~~ ten commissioners who shall be  
2 appointed as follows:

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4 ~~(3) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and~~  
5 ~~residing within Evangeline Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and~~  
6 ~~district attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of Evangeline~~  
7 ~~Parish for an initial term of four years.~~

8 (4) (3) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
9 residing within Iberia Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district  
10 attorney of the Sixteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of Iberia Parish for an initial  
11 term of four years.

12 ~~(5)~~ (4) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
13 residing in Jefferson Davis Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and  
14 district attorney for the Thirty-First Judicial District and the sheriff of Jefferson  
15 Davis Parish for an initial term of four years.

16 ~~(6)~~ (5) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
17 residing in St. Landry Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and  
18 district attorney for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District and the sheriff of St.  
19 Landry Parish for an initial term of four years.

20 ~~(7)~~ (6) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
21 residing within St. Martin Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and  
22 district attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of St. Martin Parish  
23 for an initial term of four years.

24 ~~(8)~~ (7) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
25 residing in St. Mary Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district  
26 attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of St. Mary Parish for an  
27 initial term of four years.

28 ~~(9)~~ (8) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
29 residing within Vermilion Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and

district attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial District and the sheriff of Vermilion Parish  
for an initial term of four years.

~~(10)~~ (9) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
residing within the district, shall be jointly appointed by the parish presidents of the  
parishes included within the district and the presidents of the police juries in those  
parishes without home rule charters or parish presidents for an initial term of four  
years.

~~(11)~~ (10) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and  
residing within the district, shall be jointly appointed by the judges of the city courts  
within the district exercising juvenile jurisdiction for an initial term of four years.

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Section 2. R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes Evangeline Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District.

Present law (R.S. 15:1109) provides for the membership of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District.

Proposed law amends present law to remove Evangeline Parish as a member.

Present law (R.S. 15:1109.1) provides for the membership of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission.

Proposed law amends present law to reduce the number of commissioners from 11 to 10 and removes from the commission a qualified elector who is domiciled and residing within Evangeline Parish, who is jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the 30<sup>th</sup> JDC and the sheriff of Evangeline Parish.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(intro. para.) and (3)-(10); Repeals R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11))