

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

JUVENILES: Removes Vermilion 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), (9), and (10)  
3 and to repeal R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11), relative to the Acadiana Regional Juvenile  
4 Justice District; to remove Vermilion Parish as a member of the Acadiana Regional  
5 Juvenile Justice District; to remove a member of the board of commissioners for the  
6 district; to provide for an effective date; 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), (9), and (10)  
12 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, and St. Mary, ~~and Vermilion~~.

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§1109.1. Board of commissioners; appointments; terms

A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission is hereby created to control, administer, and manage the affairs of the district. The commission shall be composed of a board of ~~eleven~~ ten commissioners who shall be appointed as follows:

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~~(9) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and 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.

Section 3 This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 166 Original

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**Abstract:** Removes Vermilion 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 Vermilion Parish as a member. Otherwise retains present law.

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 Vermilion Parish, who is jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the 15<sup>th</sup> JDC and the sheriff of Vermilion Parish. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109(A) and 1109.1(A)(intro. para.), (9), and (10); Repeals R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(11))