
DIGEST

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HB No. 432

Abstract: Provides for the redistricting of the House of Representatives and provides for the composition of each of the 105 House districts. Effective for election purposes for the regular legislative elections in 2011 and for all purposes on Jan. 9, 2012.

Statistical summaries of proposed law, including district variances from the ideal population of 43,174 and the range of those variances, as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. *(Attached to hard copies of the bill distributed during session and available as a separate document on the Internet.)*

Present constitution (Const. Art. III, §6(A)) requires the legislature, by the end of the year following the year in which the state's population is reported to the president of the U.S. for each decennial federal census, to reapportion the representation in each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown by the census.

Present law divides the state into 105 districts for election of members of the House of Representatives.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the 105 House districts. For purposes of qualifying and election in 2011, proposed districts become effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. For all other purposes, present districts remain in effect until 10:00 a.m., Jan. 9, 2012, when proposed districts become effective for all other purposes.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. Also specifies that if any such 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 present law, the enumeration of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof. Further provides that the territorial limits of the districts as enacted 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 proposed law.

Effective in part upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; effective in part at 10:00 a.m., Jan. 9, 2012. See Act.

(Adds R.S. 24:35.2; Repeals R.S. 24:35.5)