
DIGEST

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Danahay

HB No. 519

Abstract: Provides for the redistricting of the districts for election of eight members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and provides for the composition of each of the eight districts. Effective for election purposes only for the regular elections in 2011 and for all purposes at noon on Jan. 9, 2012.

Statistical summaries of proposed law, including district variances from the ideal population of 566,671 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 provides that BESE is composed of 11 members, eight elected from single-member districts and three appointed by the governor from the state at large.

Present law divides the state into eight districts for election of BESE members.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the eight BESE 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 noon, 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 noon, Jan. 9, 2012. See Act.

(Adds R.S. 17:2.1; Repeals R.S. 17:2.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs
to the original bill.

1. Makes changes to districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8.
2. Makes Beauregard Parish and Evangeline Parish whole in district 7.
3. Makes St. Landry Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, Iberville Parish whole in district 8.
4. Moves Hammond from district 8 to district 6.
5. Makes Washington Parish whole in district 1.