

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Provides for the territorial jurisdiction and election districts of the justice of the peace courts and constables in DeSoto Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2621, relative to the DeSoto Parish justice of the peace courts; to provide
3 for the territorial jurisdiction of such courts; to provide relative to the election to the
4 offices of justice of the peace and constable; to provide for effective dates; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2621 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2621. Territorial jurisdiction; DeSoto Parish justice of the peace courts

9 A. The territorial limits of the justice of the peace courts in DeSoto Parish
10 shall be as follows:

11 (1) The first justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
12 11, 15, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 37.

13 (2) The second justice of the peace district and court shall consist of
14 Precincts 3, 16, 23, and 30.

15 (3) The third justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
16 27, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 53, 55, 57, and 59.

17 (4) The fourth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
18 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20, 52, 60, and 63.

19 (5) The fifth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
20 9, 21, 22, 26, 33, 38, 39, 41, and 56.

1 (6) The sixth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts
2 10, 12, 19, 29, 36, 47, 49, 51, 58, and 61.

3 B. The districts provided in Subsection A of this Section shall be effective
4 for election purposes with the opening of the qualifying period for the regularly
5 scheduled 2012 primary election for justices of the peace and constables, and the
6 persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for such justice
7 of the peace courts in DeSoto Parish at the next regularly scheduled election and
8 their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in Subsection A of this
9 Section. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall be effective for all
10 other purposes beginning January 1, 2013.

11 Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those Voting Districts (VTDs)
12 contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the Parish of DeSoto
13 in the State of Louisiana.

14 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
15 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
16 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
17 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
18 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
19 designated. The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
20 effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish
21 governing authority.

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

DIGEST

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Burford

HB No. 510

Abstract: Redistricts the justice of the peace courts and constable districts in DeSoto Parish.

Presently there are six justice of the peace courts in DeSoto Parish. Each elects a justice of the peace and a constable.

Proposed law changes the territorial jurisdiction of the six justice of the peace courts in DeSoto Parish and therefore the election districts for justice of the peace and constable. (See attached map and statistics.)

Proposed law provides that the districts provided in proposed law shall be effective for election purposes with the opening of the qualifying period for the 2012 primary election for justice of the peace and constables and that the persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for such justice of the peace courts at the next regularly scheduled election and their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in proposed law. Proposed law provides that the districts provided in proposed law shall be effective for all other purposes on Jan. 1, 2013.

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 parish of DeSoto, 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.

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

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

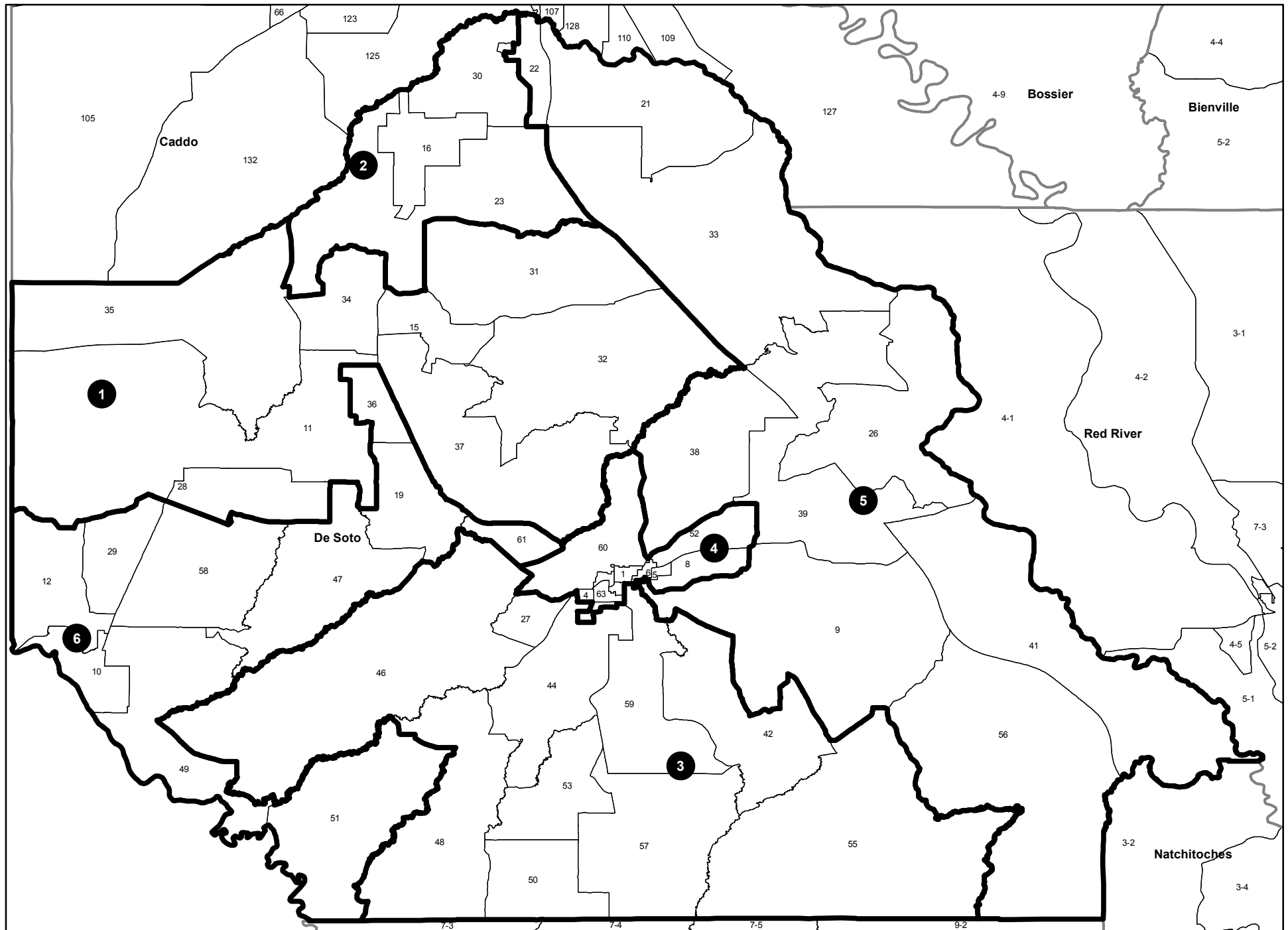
(Adds R.S. 13:2621)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provides for the specific precincts in DeSoto Parish placed within each justice of the peace and constable district.

Proposed DeSoto Parish Justice of the Peace and Constable Districts



Splits

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	Reg Total Jan 2011	Reg White Jan 2011	Reg Black Jan 2011	Reg Other Jan 2011
JPDistrict 1																
*De Soto	3,821	2,342	1,382	7	55	35	2,946	1,828	1,047	6	41	24	2,403	1,449	856	98
JPDistrict 1	3,821	2,342	1,382	7	55	35	2,946	1,828	1,047	6	41	24	2,403	1,449	856	98
	100.000%	61.293%	36.169%	0.183%	1.439%	0.916%	100.000%	62.050%	35.540%	0.204%	1.392%	0.815%	81.568%	60.300%	35.622%	4.078%
JPDistrict 2																
*De Soto	4,971	4,343	467	9	99	53	3,730	3,268	344	8	73	37	3,007	2,647	243	117
JPDistrict 2	4,971	4,343	467	9	99	53	3,730	3,268	344	8	73	37	3,007	2,647	243	117
	100.000%	87.367%	9.394%	0.181%	1.992%	1.066%	100.000%	87.614%	9.223%	0.214%	1.957%	0.992%	80.617%	88.028%	8.081%	3.891%
JPDistrict 3																
*De Soto	3,767	1,844	1,889	7	19	8	2,788	1,459	1,302	4	17	6	2,405	1,235	1,099	71
JPDistrict 3	3,767	1,844	1,889	7	19	8	2,788	1,459	1,302	4	17	6	2,405	1,235	1,099	71
	100.000%	48.951%	50.146%	0.186%	0.504%	0.212%	100.000%	52.331%	46.700%	0.143%	0.610%	0.215%	86.263%	51.351%	45.696%	2.952%
JPDistrict 4																
*De Soto	5,219	1,325	3,820	11	37	26	3,815	1,146	2,606	10	36	17	3,094	840	2,158	96
JPDistrict 4	5,219	1,325	3,820	11	37	26	3,815	1,146	2,606	10	36	17	3,094	840	2,158	96
	100.000%	25.388%	73.194%	0.211%	0.709%	0.498%	100.000%	30.039%	68.309%	0.262%	0.944%	0.446%	81.101%	27.149%	69.748%	3.103%
JPDistrict 5																
*De Soto	4,962	2,954	1,903	8	65	32	3,805	2,301	1,419	5	58	22	3,218	1,878	1,244	96
JPDistrict 5	4,962	2,954	1,903	8	65	32	3,805	2,301	1,419	5	58	22	3,218	1,878	1,244	96
	100.000%	59.532%	38.351%	0.161%	1.310%	0.645%	100.000%	60.473%	37.293%	0.131%	1.524%	0.578%	84.573%	58.359%	38.658%	2.983%
JPDistrict 6																
*De Soto	3,916	2,648	1,139	12	56	61	2,922	2,053	777	9	48	35	2,269	1,614	591	64
JPDistrict 6	3,916	2,648	1,139	12	56	61	2,922	2,053	777	9	48	35	2,269	1,614	591	64
	100.000%	67.620%	29.086%	0.306%	1.430%	1.558%	100.000%	70.260%	26.591%	0.308%	1.643%	1.198%	77.652%	71.133%	26.047%	2.821%