
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 2014 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, 2015.

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.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Provides that the districts are effective for election purposes beginning with the opening of qualifying for the 2014 primary election rather than the 2012 primary election, and for all purposes beginning Jan. 2015 rather than Jan. 2013.