

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

BY REPRESENTATIVES BURFORD AND COX

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.

21 (6) The sixth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
22 10, 12, 19, 29, 36, 47, 49, 51, 58, and 61.

23 B. The districts provided in Subsection A of this Section shall be effective  
24 for election purposes with the opening of the qualifying period for the regularly

1           scheduled 2014 primary election for justices of the peace and constables, and the  
 2           persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for such justice  
 3           of the peace courts in DeSoto Parish at the next regularly scheduled election and  
 4           their successors shall be elected from the districts provided in Subsection A of this  
 5           Section. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall be effective for all  
 6           other purposes beginning January 1, 2015.

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

10           (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
 11           parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
 12           governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
 13           18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
 14           nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
 15           designated. The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in  
 16           effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish  
 17           governing authority.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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