

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROSSETT AND LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 1:11, relative to determinations of the populations of parishes,  
3 municipalities, and other political subdivisions; to provide relative to the  
4 applicability of a new census to statutes that define classes of political subdivisions  
5 based on population; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The legislature recognizes that though official census numbers are  
8 delivered to the president of the United States in December of the year a decennial census  
9 is taken, official populations of parishes, municipalities, and other local places are not  
10 available until some months later. States and local governing authorities do not know in  
11 advance exactly when this information will be available to them or how they will be affected  
12 once the numbers are available. The legislature also recognizes that when a law becomes  
13 applicable or no longer applicable to a parish or municipality due to a change in population,  
14 the effect of such a change is the same as an enactment by the legislature. Therefore, the  
15 legislature concludes that there should be a date certain on which a new census becomes the  
16 census used to determine the applicability of laws that apply to classes of political  
17 subdivisions identified by population categories and that the normal effective date of laws  
18 passed during a regular session of the Legislature of Louisiana is an appropriate date.

19 Section 2. R.S. 1:11 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 §11. Population, how determined; new census

21 A. Except as otherwise provided, the number of inhabitants of a political  
22 subdivision is that shown by the latest regular or special federal census.



1 of the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana is adopted at a statewide election  
2 to be held in 2010 and becomes effective.

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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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