

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 357

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2618, relative to the LaSalle Parish justice of the peace  
3 courts; to provide for the territorial jurisdiction of such courts; to provide relative to  
4 the election to the offices of justice of the peace and constable; to provide for  
5 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2618 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2618. Territorial jurisdiction; LaSalle Parish justice of the peace courts

9 A. ~~Effective January 1, 2003, the~~ The territorial limits of the justice of the  
10 peace courts in LaSalle Parish shall be as follows:

11 (1) The first justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
12 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, ~~1-4~~, 4-1, ~~and 4-2~~, and 4-4.

13 (2) The second justice of the peace district and court shall consist of  
14 Precincts 2-1, ~~2-3~~, 3-1, 3-2, and ~~3-3~~ 4-3.

15 (3) The third justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
16 7-1, 7-2, 8-2, 8-3, 8-5, 8-6, and 8-7, ~~and 10-1~~.

17 (4) The fourth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
18 5-1, 6-1, ~~and 6-2~~, and 10-1.

1 (5) The fifth justice of the peace district and court shall consist of Precincts  
2 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, and 9-5,~~and 10-4~~.

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 ~~2002~~ 2014 primary election for justices of the peace and constables, and  
6 the persons elected to the offices of justice of the peace and constable for such justice  
7 of the peace courts in LaSalle 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, 2015.

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 LaSalle  
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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Brown

HB No. 357

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

Present law provides for five justice of the peace courts in LaSalle Parish. Each elects a justice of the peace and a constable.

Proposed law changes the territorial jurisdiction of the five justice of the peace courts in LaSalle 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 LaSalle, 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 Louisiana. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 13:2618)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Makes technical changes only.

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.

## 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
District 1																
*La Salle	2,533	2,385	91	3	42	12	1,868	1,773	56	2	30	7	1,516	1,475	16	25
District 1	2,533	2,385	91	3	42	12	1,868	1,773	56	2	30	7	1,516	1,475	16	25
	100.000%	94.157%	3.593%	0.118%	1.658%	0.474%	100.000%	94.914%	2.998%	0.107%	1.606%	0.375%	81.156%	97.296%	1.055%	1.649%
District 2																
*La Salle	3,501	2,973	455	8	37	28	2,773	2,283	437	7	27	19	1,660	1,589	26	45
District 2	3,501	2,973	455	8	37	28	2,773	2,283	437	7	27	19	1,660	1,589	26	45
	100.000%	84.919%	12.996%	0.229%	1.057%	0.800%	100.000%	82.330%	15.759%	0.252%	0.974%	0.685%	59.863%	95.723%	1.566%	2.711%
District 3																
*La Salle	3,238	2,913	171	18	67	69	2,508	2,233	150	16	42	67	1,800	1,741	27	32
District 3	3,238	2,913	171	18	67	69	2,508	2,233	150	16	42	67	1,800	1,741	27	32
	100.000%	89.963%	5.281%	0.556%	2.069%	2.131%	100.000%	89.035%	5.981%	0.638%	1.675%	2.671%	71.770%	96.722%	1.500%	1.778%
District 4																
*La Salle	4,231	3,062	1,079	10	57	23	3,201	2,389	752	10	37	13	2,516	1,920	548	48
District 4	4,231	3,062	1,079	10	57	23	3,201	2,389	752	10	37	13	2,516	1,920	548	48
	100.000%	72.371%	25.502%	0.236%	1.347%	0.544%	100.000%	74.633%	23.493%	0.312%	1.156%	0.406%	78.600%	76.312%	21.781%	1.908%
District 5																
*La Salle	1,387	1,356	12	1	12	6	1,016	999	7	0	7	3	935	923	4	8
District 5	1,387	1,356	12	1	12	6	1,016	999	7	0	7	3	935	923	4	8
	100.000%	97.765%	0.865%	0.072%	0.865%	0.433%	100.000%	98.327%	0.689%	0.000%	0.689%	0.295%	92.028%	98.717%	0.428%	0.856%

# LaSalle Parish Justice of the Peace & Constable Districts (12RS-167)

