



1 ~~reapportion the representation in~~ redistrict the districts for the election of the  
2 members to each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown  
3 by the census.

4 (B) Redistricting Commission. The legislature shall comply with Paragraph  
5 (A) of this Section as provided in Article XI, Section 6 of this constitution.

6 ~~(B) (C) Reapportionment~~ Redistricting by Supreme Court. If the legislature  
7 fails to ~~reapportion~~ redistrict as required in ~~Paragraph~~ Paragraphs (A) and (B) of this  
8 Section, the supreme court, upon petition of any elector, shall ~~reapportion the~~  
9 ~~representation in~~ redistrict the districts for the election of the members to each house  
10 as provided in Paragraph (A) of this Section.

11 ~~(C) (D)~~ (D) Procedure. The procedure for review and for petition shall be  
12 provided by law.

13 Section 2. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the  
14 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of  
15 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a  
16 proposal to add Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

17 §6. Redistricting Commission; Composition; Duties

18 Section 6.(A)(1) In each year in which the federal decennial census is taken,  
19 a redistricting commission shall be established as provided in this Paragraph to  
20 propose plans for redistricting the districts for the election of the members of the  
21 House of Representatives and of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and the  
22 members of Congress from Louisiana. The redistricting commission shall be  
23 composed of fifteen members who shall be qualified electors of the state and who  
24 shall be selected not later than April first as follows:

25 (a) Not later than March first of each year in which the federal decennial  
26 census is taken:

27 (i) Four commission members, no more than two of whom shall be affiliated  
28 with the same political party, shall be elected by the House of Representatives by a  
29 favorable record vote of two-thirds of the elected members. In the selection of

1 commission members, the House of Representatives shall give due consideration to  
2 the demographics of the population of the state, including but not limited to  
3 geography, gender, ethnicity, race, and political party affiliation and shall elect  
4 qualified persons to serve on the commission in manner that reflects the  
5 demographics of the state to the fullest extent practicable

6 (ii) Four commission members, no more than two of whom shall be affiliated  
7 with the same political party, shall be elected by the Senate by a favorable record  
8 vote of two-thirds of the elected members. In the selection of commission members,  
9 the Senate shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the  
10 state, including but not limited to geography, gender, ethnicity, race, and political  
11 party affiliation and shall elect qualified persons to serve on the commission in  
12 manner that reflects the demographics of the state to the fullest extent practicable.

13 (iii) Three commission members, no more than two of whom shall be  
14 affiliated with the same political party, shall be appointed by the governor. In the  
15 selection of commission members, the governor shall give due consideration to the  
16 demographics of the population of the state, including but not limited to geography,  
17 gender, ethnicity, race, and political party affiliation and shall appoint qualified  
18 persons to serve on the commission in manner that reflects the demographics of the  
19 state to the fullest extent practicable.

20 (iv) Three commission members, no more than two of whom shall be  
21 affiliated with the same political party, shall be appointed by the supreme court. In  
22 the selection of commission members, the supreme court shall give due  
23 consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including but not  
24 limited to geography, gender, ethnicity, race, and political party affiliation and shall  
25 appoint qualified persons to serve on the commission in manner that reflects the  
26 demographics of the state to the fullest extent practicable.

27 (b) Not later than March twentieth of each year in which the federal  
28 decennial census is taken, at a meeting of the commission members selected pursuant  
29 to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph called by the secretary of state, one

1 member shall be appointed to the commission by a two-thirds vote of said  
2 commission members and if no other commission member is unaffiliated with a  
3 political party, the commission member so appointed shall be unaffiliated with a  
4 political party.

5 (c) No person shall be selected or remain eligible to serve on the commission  
6 who:

7 (i) Holds an elected or appointed public or political party office.

8 (ii) Is a member of the immediate family of a public official who serves in  
9 an office subject to redistricting by the commission.

10 (iii) Is a public employee.

11 (iv) Is an employee of a public official who serves in an office subject to  
12 redistricting by the commission or of a legal entity in which such public official has  
13 a business or financial interest.

14 (v) Is a registered lobbyist.

15 (vi) Is a member or an employee of any national, state, or local committee  
16 of a political party.

17 (vii) Takes part in the management of the affairs of a political party,  
18 candidate, political committee, or political campaign, including consulting or polling  
19 activity for a political party, candidate, political committee, or political campaign.

20 (viii) Has changed political party affiliation within the last three years

21 (ix) Is a registered voter in any other state.

22 (d) No former member of the commission shall seek elective public office  
23 in Louisiana nor register as a lobbyist in Louisiana for a period of three years  
24 following the termination of service on the commission.

25 (2) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the manner of the original  
26 selection within twenty days of the vacancy.

27 (3) The commission members shall serve until the redistricting of congress  
28 and each house of the legislature has been completed after the decennial census and  
29 has become effective, and at that time the commission shall be dissolved until a new

1 commission is established as provided in this Section; however, if a new redistricting  
2 is required during the time between decennial censuses, a new commission shall be  
3 established in the manner provided in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, and each  
4 appointing authority shall select its members of the commission within thirty days  
5 of the determination that a new redistricting is required.

6 (4) Each member of the commission shall receive the same per diem and  
7 travel allowance as provided for members of the legislature.

8 (5) No member of the commission shall take any action as a commission  
9 member until the member has taken the oath of office provided in Article X, Section  
10 30 of this constitution and has executed and filed with the secretary of state a sworn  
11 statement certifying that the member shall perform the duties as a member of the  
12 commission in an honest, ethical, independent, and impartial manner in order to  
13 uphold and maintain public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process.

14 (B) The redistricting commission shall provide for the redistricting of the  
15 districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives and of the  
16 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and of the members of congress from  
17 Louisiana. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public and shall be  
18 noticed and advertised in a manner to encourage public participation. All  
19 communications to the commission or any member of the commission regarding  
20 redistricting shall be placed in the official record of the commission. At a minimum,  
21 the commission shall conduct at least one public meeting within each congressional  
22 district of the state. The commission may, at its discretion, utilize the assistance of  
23 the appropriate staff of the legislature. The commission shall submit to the legislature  
24 three alternative plans for redistricting of each house of the legislature at least three  
25 days prior to the final date for prefiling of legislation at the regular session in the  
26 year following the year in which the population of the state is reported to the  
27 president of the United States. The commission shall submit to the legislature three  
28 alternative plans for redistricting the congressional districts at least three days prior  
29 to the final date for prefiling of legislation at the regular session next preceding

1 qualification of candidates for election at the first election for congress after the  
2 release of decennial census information at the precinct level by the federal  
3 government. Each plan submitted by the commission shall require approval by a  
4 vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the commission and shall redistrict the  
5 districts in accordance with federal law and the requirements of this constitution.

6 (C)(1) The legislature shall enact, without amendment, one of the three plans  
7 submitted to it by the commission for each house of the legislature not later than the  
8 time provided in Article III, Section 6 of this constitution.

9 (2) The legislature shall enact, without amendment, one of the three plans  
10 submitted to it by the commission for the congressional districts not later than the  
11 regular session next preceding qualification of candidates for election at the first  
12 election for congress after the release of decennial census information at the precinct  
13 level by the federal government

14 (D) If the commission fails to submit three plans for each house of the  
15 legislature and for congress as required by this Section or if the legislature fails to  
16 enact one of those plans for each house of the legislature and one of those plans for  
17 congress as required by this Section, the supreme court, upon petition of any elector,  
18 shall redistrict the legislature as provided in Article III, Section 6(C) of this  
19 constitution or congress in accordance with federal law and the requirements of this  
20 constitution.

21 (E). The legislature shall make adequate appropriations as necessary to and  
22 for the redistricting commission to enable it to effectively perform the functions and  
23 duties required by this Section. The amount appropriated to and for the redistricting  
24 commission shall not be subject to veto by the governor.

25 (F) This Section shall be self-operative, but the legislature may provide by  
26 law relative to the redistricting commission and procedures to implement this  
27 Section, including but not limited to expenses and staffing for the commission,  
28 provided such statutory provisions do not conflict with this Section or any other  
29 provision of this constitution.

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,  
3 2022.

4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
7 follows:

8 Do you support an amendment to provide for an independent redistricting  
9 commission to propose alternative redistricting plans for each house of the  
10 legislature and for congress and to require the legislature to enact one of each  
11 such plans without amendment? (Amends Article III, Section 6; Adds  
12 Article XI, Section 6)

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes and provides for a redistricting commission to propose alternative redistricting plans for each house of the legislature and for congress. Requires the legislature to enact one of each such plans without amendment.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for a redistricting commission as follows:

- (1) Establishes a redistricting commission by April 1 of each year in which the federal decennial census is taken to propose plans for redistricting each house of the legislature and for congress. Provides for the commission to be composed of 15 qualified electors of the state of whom four are elected by a two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives, four are elected by a two-thirds vote of the Senate, three are appointed by the governor, and three are appointed by the supreme court. For those selections, specifies that no appointing authority may appoint more than two members affiliated with the same political party and requires in the selection of commission members, due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including but not limited to geography, gender, ethnicity, race, and political party affiliation and requires selection of qualified persons to serve on the commission in manner that reflects the demographics of the state to the fullest extent practicable. Provides for one commission member to be elected by a two-thirds vote of the other commission members who, if there is no other unaffiliated commission member, shall be unaffiliated with any political party. Provides for filling vacancies in the manner of the original selection within 20 days.
- (2) Provides that no person shall be eligible or selected to serve on the commission who: holds elected or appointed public or political party office; is a member of the

- immediate family of a public official subject to redistricting by the commission; is a public employee; is an employee of a public official subject to redistricting by the commission or of a legal entity in which such public official has a business or financial interest; is a registered lobbyist; is a member or an employee or any national, state, or local committee of a political party; takes part in the management of the affairs of a political party, candidate, political committee, or political campaign, including consulting or polling activity for a political party, candidate, political committee, or political campaign; has changed party affiliation with the last three years; or is a registered voter in any other state.
- (3) Provides that commission members serve until redistricting of each body, as required, has been completed after the decennial census and has become effective, at which time the commission shall be dissolved until a new commission is established in the year of the next federal census. Prohibits a former commission member from becoming a candidate for elective public office or a registered lobbyist in the state for a period of three years after termination. Provides, however, if a new redistricting is required during the time between decennial censuses, a new commission shall be established as provided in proposed law. Specifies that each member shall receive the same per diem and travel allowance as provided to legislators. Requires each commission member to take the oath of office and certify to uphold certain standards prior to taking any action as a commission member.
- (3) Requires all meetings to be public, requires at least one meeting in each congressional district, and requires all communications to the commission or any member thereof about redistricting to be placed into the official record of the commission.
- (4) Requires the commission to submit three alternative plans for redistricting of each house to the legislature at least three days prior to the final date for prefilings of legislation at the regular session in the year following the year in which the population of the state is reported to the president of the U.S. and for congress, at least three days prior to the final date for prefilings of legislation at the regular session next preceding qualification of candidates for election at the first election of members for congress after the release of decennial census information at the precinct level.
- (5) Requires that each plan shall redistrict the districts in accordance with the requirements of the La. constitution and in accordance with federal law.
- (6) Requires the legislature to enact one of the three plans for each body without amendment. Requires the legislature to enact such legislative plans not later than the time as provided in present constitution (Const. Art. III, §6; see below) relative to legislative redistricting and congressional plans not later than the regular session next preceding qualification of candidates for election at the first election for congress after the release of decennial census information at the precinct level.
- (7) Provides that if the commission fails to submit three plans for each required type or if the legislature fails to enact one of those plans for each required, the La. Supreme Court, upon petition of any elector, shall accomplish the redistricting as required.
- (8) Requires adequate appropriations to and for the commission and prohibits gubernatorial veto of such appropriations. Provides that the proposed constitutional amendment is self-operative, but authorizes the legislature to provide by law relative to the redistricting commission and procedures to implement the proposed constitutional amendment, including but not limited to expenses and staffing for the commission, such law to be consistent with the proposed constitutional amendment and the present constitution.



Present constitution (Const. Art. III, §6) provides for legislative reapportionment. Requires the legislature to reapportion each house as equally as practicable on the basis of population shown by the census not later than the end of the year following the year in which the state's population is reported to the president of the U.S. for each decennial federal census.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the terminology in the present constitution to reflect a change from "reapportion" and "reapportionment" to "redistrict" and "redistricting" and further requires that such redistricting comply with the proposed constitutional amendment (summarized above). Also retains present constitution that provides for "redistricting of the districts to elect members" of the legislature by the supreme court upon petition of any elector if the legislature fails to "redistrict" as required by the present constitution and proposed constitutional amendment. Also retains present constitution that provides that procedure for review and for petition shall be provided by law.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §6; Adds Const. Art. XI, §6)