

SENATE BILL NO. 255

BY SENATORS FIELDS AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, EGAN, FISHER, GADBERRY, HUGHES, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILLARD, WYBLE AND YOUNG

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the
3 supreme court; to implement a settlement in the matter entitled *Louisiana State*
4 *Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et*
5 *al. v. State of Louisiana, et al.*, in the United States District Court for the Middle
6 District of Louisiana; to provide for the redistricting of supreme court districts in
7 accordance with the settlement; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to restructure
8 the supreme court by eliminating provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for
9 the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the
10 supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 **§101.2. Supreme court districts; justices**

14 **The state shall be divided into seven supreme court districts. The**
15 **supreme court shall be composed of one justice elected from each of the seven**
16 **districts as set forth below:**

17 **(1) District 1 is composed of Livingston Parish; Precincts 9-41C, 9-41D,**
18 **9-45 and 9-45A of Orleans Parish; St. Bernard Parish; St. Tammany Parish;**
19 **Tangipahoa Parish and Washington Parish.**

20 **(2) District 2 is composed of Avoyelles Parish; Concordia Parish;**

1 Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17,
 2 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31,
 3 1-32, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50, 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-58, 1-59,
 4 1-60, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-77, 1-78, 1-80,
 5 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-96,
 6 1-97, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102, 1-104, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13,
 7 2-14, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27,
 8 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 3-8, 3-11, 3-13, 3-18, 3-24,
 9 3-27, 3-29, 3-35, 3-39, 3-42, 3-52, 3-54, 3-55, 3-57, 3-58, 3-60, and 3-74 of East
 10 Baton Rouge Parish; East Carroll Parish; East Feliciana Parish; Iberville
 11 Parish; Precincts 2, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 50, 51, 52,
 12 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 61, 63, 122, and 129 of Lafayette Parish; Madison Parish;
 13 Precincts 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28,
 14 30, 65, 65A, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74, and 79 of Ouachita Parish; Pointe
 15 Coupee Parish; Precincts C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11-A,
 16 C11-B, C14, C15, C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, C24, C25, C26, C27, C28, C39, C40,
 17 N1, N2, N3, N10, N27, N28, N29, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, and S20 of Rapides
 18 Parish; Richland Parish; St. Helena Parish; Precincts 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2, 2A,
 19 2B, 2C, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 7A, 9, 9A, 11, 11B, 12, 13, 13A, 14, 14A, 14B, 15, 16,
 20 16A, 17, 19, 19A, 20, 20B, 21, 21A, 22, 22B, 23, 23A, 26, 26A, 30, 30A, 30B, 31,
 21 38, 39, 39A, and 40 of St. Landry Parish; Tensas Parish; West Baton Rouge
 22 Parish; and West Feliciana Parish.

23 (3) District 3 is composed of Allen Parish; Beauregard Parish; Precincts
 24 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4,
 25 5-5, 5-6, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 7-1,
 26 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-10, 10-3, 10-4, 10-5, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 11-1,
 27 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5,
 28 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10, and 12-11 of Caddo Parish; Calcasieu Parish;
 29 Cameron Parish; DeSoto Parish; Evangeline Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish;
 30 Natchitoches Parish; Sabine Parish; Precincts 4, 8, 10, 10A, 18, 18A, 18B, 24,

1 24B, 25, 27, 28, 29, 29A, 32, 32A, 33, 33A, 34, 34A, 35, 36, 37, 37A, 41, 41A, 42,
 2 43, 44, 44A, 44B, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 50A, 51, 51A, and 52 of St. Landry
 3 Parish; and Vernon Parish.

4 (4) District 4 is composed of Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Precincts
 5 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3,
 6 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 3-1, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-10, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4,
 7 8-5, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, 9-9, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12,
 8 9-13, 10-1, 10-2, and 10-9 of Caddo Parish; Caldwell Parish; Catahoula Parish;
 9 Claiborne Parish; Franklin Parish; Grant Parish; Jackson Parish; LaSalle
 10 Parish; Lincoln Parish; Morehouse Parish; Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 25,
 11 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 44A, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50,
 12 51, 51A, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 56A, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 71, 75, 76, 77,
 13 and 78 of Ouachita Parish; Precincts C13, C22, C23, C30, C31, C32, C33, C34,
 14 C35, C36, C37-A, C37-B, C38-A, C38-B, C41, C42, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N11,
 15 N12, N13-A, N13-B, N14-A, N14-B, N15, N16, N17, N18-A, N18-B, N19, N20,
 16 N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, S1, S2, S4, S5, S6A, S6B, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11,
 17 S13, S14, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S28, and S29 of Rapides Parish; Red
 18 River Parish; Union Parish; Webster Parish; West Carroll Parish; and Winn
 19 Parish.

20 (5) District 5 is composed of Acadia Parish; Iberia Parish; Precincts 1,
 21 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41,
 22 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76,
 23 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99,
 24 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116,
 25 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, and
 26 136 of Lafayette Parish; Lafourche Parish; St. Martin Parish; St. Mary Parish;
 27 Terrebonne Parish; and Vermilion Parish.

28 (6) District 6 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
 29 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41, 45, 53, 61, 62,
 30 63, 64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77 and 78 of Ascension Parish; Assumption Parish;

1 Precincts 1-7, 1-8, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-47,
 2 1-48, 1-49, 1-56, 1-57, 1-64, 1-65, 1-69, 1-74, 1-75, 1-76, 1-79, 1-89, 1-90, 1-98,
 3 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 1-107, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9,
 4 3-10, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-25, 3-26, 3-28,
 5 3-30, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46,
 6 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-53, 3-56, 3-59, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66,
 7 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70, 3-71, 3-72, 3-73, 3-75 and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge
 8 Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,
 9 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44,
 10 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72,
 11 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95,
 12 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123,
 13 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 176, 177, 178, 183, 184, 185A, 189,
 14 190, 194B, 202, 203, 210, 211, 229, 234, 246, 247, 248, 1-G, 3-G, 5-G, 9-G, 10-G,
 15 12-G, 13-G, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K,
 16 4-K, 5-K, 6-KA, 6-KB, 7-KA, 7-KB, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K,
 17 15-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 34-K, 35-K and 1-L of
 18 Jefferson Parish; Precincts 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-11, 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20,
 19 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-12, 5-13, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17, 5-18, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19
 20 and 17-20 of Orleans Parish; Plaquemines Parish; Precincts 1-6, 2-5, 2-6, 3-1,
 21 3-2, 3-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-5, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-6, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2 and 7-3 of St.
 22 Charles Parish; Precincts 13, 14 and 18 of St. James Parish and Precincts 1-1,
 23 1-6, 2-1, 2-3, 3-3, 5-4 and 5-5 of St. John the Baptist Parish.

24 (7) District 7 is composed of Precincts 28, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43,
 25 44, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 65, and 66 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 57,
 26 104, 108, 115, 131, 133, 134, 136, 138, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157A,
 27 157B, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 179A, 179B, 180, 181, 182, 185B, 187, 188,
 28 191, 192, 193A, 193B, 194A, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 198, 199, 200, 201, 204, 205,
 29 212, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 216C, 217, 225, 226, 227,
 30 228, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B, 2-G, 4-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G,

1 11-G, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 28-K, 29-K, 30-K, 31-K, 33-K, 1-W,
 2 2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W, and 7-W of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5,
 3 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6, 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 4-2, 4-3,
 4 4-6, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 7-1,
 5 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9A, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-17,
 6 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-23, 7-24, 7-25, 7-25A, 7-26, 7-27, 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A,
 7 7-29, 7-30, 7-32, 7-33, 7-35, 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 7-41, 7-42, 8-1, 8-2, 8-4, 8-6, 8-7,
 8 8-8, 8-9, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-15, 8-19, 8-20, 8-21, 8-22, 8-23, 8-24, 8-25, 8-26, 8-27,
 9 8-28, 8-30, 9-1, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, 9-9, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12, 9-13, 9-14, 9-15,
 10 9-16, 9-17, 9-19, 9-21, 9-23, 9-25, 9-26, 9-28, 9-28C, 9-29, 9-30, 9-30A, 9-31,
 11 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-32, 9-33, 9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B, 9-37, 9-38,
 12 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40, 9-40A, 9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A,
 13 9-43B, 9-43C, 9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I, 9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M,
 14 9-43N, 9-44, 9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F, 9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L,
 15 9-44M, 9-44N, 9-44O, 9-44P, 9-44Q, 10-3, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-11, 10-12,
 16 10-13, 10-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, 11-12, 11-13, 11-14,
 17 11-17, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13,
 18 12-14, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6, 13-7, 13-8, 13-9,
 19 13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6,
 20 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A,
 21 14-19, 14-20, 14-21, 14-23, 14-24A, 14-25, 14-26, 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6,
 22 15-8, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12A, 15-13, 15-13A, 15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A,
 23 15-14B, 15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E, 15-14F, 15-14G, 15-15, 15-15A, 15-15B, 15-16,
 24 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B, 15-18, 15-18A, 15-18B, 15-18C, 15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F,
 25 15-19, 15-19A, 15-19B, 15-19C, 16-1, 16-1A, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6, 16-7,
 26 16-8, 16-9, 17-1, 17-2, 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-9, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12,
 27 17-13, 17-13A, 17-14, 17-15, and 17-16 of Orleans Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3,
 28 1-4, 1-5, 2-1, 2-3, 2-4, 4-4, 5-1, 5-3, 5-4, 7-4, 7-5, and 7-6 of St. Charles Parish;
 29 Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, and 23 of St. James
 30 Parish; and Precincts 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-7, 2-2, 2-4, 2-5, 3-1, 3-2, 3-4, 3-7, 4-1,

1 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, and 7-4 of St.

2 John the Baptist Parish.

3 §101.3. Assignment of districts; vacancies; elections

4 A. Each justice of the supreme court in office on the effective date of this
 5 Section shall be assigned to the district composed as provided by R.S. 13:101.2
 6 having the same designation as the district from which the justice was elected
 7 and may complete the term for which he was elected.

8 B. The successor to the office of justice of the supreme court shall be
 9 elected from the district assigned to that office as provided by Subsection A of
 10 this Section. The election shall be from the district composed as provided by
 11 R.S. 13:101.2.

12 Section 2. R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4 are hereby repealed.

13 Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
 14 named "2024 Precinct Shapefiles (01-10-2024)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's
 15 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2024 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon
 16 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
 17 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through
 18 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana
 19 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 10, 2024, to the Legislature
 20 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and
 21 532.1.

22 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
 23 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
 24 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
 25 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
 26 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
 27 designated.

28 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
 29 effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by
 30 the parish governing authority.

1 Section 4. The purpose and intent of this Act is to statutorily effectuate and
 2 implement a settlement reached between all parties in the matter entitled *Louisiana State*
 3 *Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v.*
 4 *State of Louisiana, et al.*, Case 3:19-479, in the United States District Court for the Middle
 5 District of Louisiana.

6 Section 5. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not
 7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 8 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 9 this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the
 10 provisions of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____