

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 308

BY SENATOR HEWITT

REDISTRICTING. Provides for redistricting of the Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA5s4)(see Act)

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
3 the supreme court; to provide relative to redistricting supreme court justice districts;
4 to provide for the filling of vacancies; to eliminate statutory provisions for a
5 temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and
6 such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 **§101.2. Supreme court districts; justices**

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

13 **(1) District 1 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,**
14 **14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36,**
15 **37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66,**
16 **67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89,**
17 **90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 117, 118, 119,**

1 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136, 1-H,
 2 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-KA, 6-KB,
 3 7-KA, 7-KB, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K, 15-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K,
 4 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 34-K and 35-K of Jefferson Parish; Precincts
 5 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-17, 5-18, 17-18A, 17-19,
 6 and 17-20 of Orleans Parish; St. Helena Parish; St. Tammany Parish;
 7 Tangipahoa Parish; and Washington Parish.

8 (2) District 2 is composed of Allen Parish; Beauregard Parish; Bossier
 9 Parish; Caddo Parish; De Soto Parish; Evangeline Parish; Natchitoches Parish;
 10 Red River Parish; Sabine Parish; Vernon Parish; and Webster Parish.

11 (3) District 3 is composed of Acadia Parish; Calcasieu Parish; Cameron
 12 Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish; Lafayette Parish; St. Landry Parish; and
 13 Vermilion Parish.

14 (4) District 4 is composed of Avoyelles Parish; Bienville Parish; Caldwell
 15 Parish; Catahoula Parish; Claiborne Parish; Concordia Parish; East Carroll
 16 Parish; East Feliciana Parish; Franklin Parish; Grant Parish; Jackson Parish;
 17 LaSalle Parish; Lincoln Parish; Madison Parish; Morehouse Parish; Ouachita
 18 Parish; Pointe Coupee Parish; Rapides Parish; Richland Parish; Tensas Parish;
 19 Union Parish; West Carroll Parish; West Feliciana Parish; and Winn Parish.

20 (5) District 5 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
 21 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43, 58, 61,
 22 62, 63, 64, 66, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, and 78 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2,
 23 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18,
 24 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, 1-32,
 25 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46,
 26 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-50, 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-56, 1-57, 1-58, 1-59, 1-60,
 27 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74,
 28 1-75, 1-76, 1-77, 1-78, 1-79, 1-80, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88,
 29 1-89, 1-90, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-97, 1-98, 1-99, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102,

1 1-103, 1-104, 1-105, 1-107, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13,
 2 2-16, 2-17, 2-19, 2-20, 2-22, 2-23, 2-24, 2-25, 2-27, 2-30, 2-31, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3,
 3 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19,
 4 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-27, 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33,
 5 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39, 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48,
 6 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-54, 3-55, 3-56, 3-57, 3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62,
 7 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70, 3-71, and 3-72 of East Baton Rouge
 8 Parish and Livingston Parish.

9 (6) District 6 is composed of Assumption Parish; Precincts 2-3, 2-5, 2-14,
 10 2-15, 2-18, 2-21, 2-26, 2-28, 2-29, 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, and 2-37 of East Baton
 11 Rouge Parish; Iberia Parish; Precincts 4, 5, 13, 14, 15B, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27,
 12 28, 29, 31 and 32 of Iberville Parish; Precincts 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178,
 13 179A, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 189, 190, 192, 193A, 193B, 194B, 198, 199, 202,
 14 203, 204, 210, 211, 246, 247, 248, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G,
 15 10-G, 1-GI, 1-L, 1-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W, and 7-W of Jefferson Parish;
 16 Lafourche Parish; Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; Precincts 1-6, 2-1,
 17 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 3-1, 3-1, 3-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 6-7, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, and
 18 7-4 of St. Charles Parish; St. Martin Parish; St. Mary Parish; Terrebonne
 19 Parish; and West Baton Rouge Parish.

20 (7) District 7 is composed of Precincts 28, 30, 31, 36, 37, 39, 42, 44, 45,
 21 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, and 65 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1, 3, 6, 7,
 22 9, 10, 11, 12, 13C, 14A, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, and 23 of Iberville Parish; Precincts
 23 55, 56, 57, 104, 108, 115, 116, 131, 133, 138, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156,
 24 157A, 157B, 170, 173, 179B, 180, 181, 187, 188, 191, 194A, 195, 196, 197A, 197B,
 25 200, 201, 205, 212, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 216C, 217,
 26 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B,
 27 11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 29-K, 30-K, 31-K,
 28 33-K, and 2-W of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6,
 29 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 4-2, 4-3, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9,

1 4-11, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 5-13, 5-15, 5-16, 6-1, 6-2,
2 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9A, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13,
3 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-17, 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-23, 7-24, 7-25, 7-25A, 7-26, 7-27,
4 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A, 7-29, 7-30, 7-32, 7-33, 7-35, 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 7-41, 7-42, 8-1,
5 8-2, 8-4, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-15, 8-19, 8-20, 8-21, 8-22, 8-23, 8-24,
6 8-25, 8-26, 8-27, 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,
7 9-13, 9-14, 9-15, 9-16, 9-17, 9-19, 9-21, 9-23, 9-25, 9-26, 9-28, 9-28C, 9-29, 9-30,
8 9-30A, 9-31, 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-32, 9-33, 9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B,
9 9-37, 9-38, 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40, 9-40A, 9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-41C,
10 9-41D, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A, 9-43B, 9-43C, 9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I,
11 9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M, 9-43N, 9-44, 9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F,
12 9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L, 9-44M, 9-44N, 9-44O, 9-44P, 9-44Q, 9-45, 9-45A,
13 10-3, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5,
14 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, 11-12, 11-13, 11-14, 11-17, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5,
15 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 13-1,
16 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6, 13-7, 13-8, 13-9, 13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14,
17 13-15, 13-16, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11,
18 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A, 14-19, 14-20, 14-21, 14-23,
19 14-24A, 14-25, 14-26, 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11, 15-12,
20 15-12A, 15-13, 15-13A, 15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A, 15-14B, 15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E,
21 15-14F, 15-14G, 15-15, 15-15A, 15-15B, 15-16, 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B, 15-18,
22 15-18A, 15-18B, 15-18C, 15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F, 15-19, 15-19A, 15-19B,
23 15-19C, 16-1, 16-1A, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6, 16-7, 16-8, 16-9, 17-1, 17-2,
24 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-9, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 17-13A, 17-14,
25 17-15, 17-16, 17-17, and 17-18 of Orleans Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 5-1,
26 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, and 6-6 of St. Charles Parish; St. James Parish; and
27 St. John the Baptist Parish.

28 §101.3. Assignment of districts; vacancies; elections; redistricting

29 A. Each justice of the supreme court in office on January 1, 2023, shall

1 be the justice for the district having the same designation as the district from
2 which the justice was elected and shall complete the term for which he was
3 elected.

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

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

9 Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those precincts identified as
10 Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the
11 State of Louisiana as validated through the data verification program of the Louisiana House
12 of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate and available on the legislature's website on the
13 effective date of this Section.

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.

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

23 Section 4.(A) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for election and the election of
24 a member of the supreme court from District 6 at the regularly scheduled election for such
25 office in 2022, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon signature
26 of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
27 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18
28 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently
29 approved by the legislature, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. as validated through the data verification program of the La. legislature. 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 subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 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.

Effective See Act.

(Adds R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3; repeals R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4)