
DIGEST

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HB 2 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the redistricting of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and provides for the composition of each of the 5 PSC districts. Effective for election purposes for the regular PSC District 3 and 4 elections and specified vacancy elections in 2022 and for all purposes on Jan. 1, 2023.

Statistical summaries of proposed law, including district variances from the ideal population of 931,551 and the range of those variances, as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. (*Attached to the bill version available on the internet.*)

Present constitution (Const. Art. IV, §21) creates the PSC consisting of five members elected for overlapping six-year terms from single member districts.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the five PSC districts, effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action for purposes of the 2022 election of commissioners from PSC Districts 3 and 4 and specified vacancy elections.

Proposed law retains present districts until Jan. 1, 2023, at which time present law is repealed and proposed districts are effective for all other purposes.

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 until changed by law regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from the 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 for election purposes only for PSC Districts 3 and 4 elections in 2022 and specified vacancy elections; effective for other purposes Jan. 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 45:1161.4; Repeals R.S. 45:1161.5)