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Abstract: Requires each local governing body to submit an electronic shapefile (or if not possible, a comma delimited block equivalency import file) reflecting its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within 10 days and requires the legislature to submit an electronic shapefile which reflects a redistricting plan enacted by law to the secretary of state within 30 business days of enactment.

Proposed law requires a local governing body that utilizes a geographic information system to develop its redistricting plan to submit an electronic shapefile which reflects its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within 10 business days of its adoption. If a local governing body is unable to submit an electronic shapefile, requires the local governing body to submit an ASCII, comma delimited block equivalency import file which indicates the census block assignments in accordance with its redistricting plan to the secretary of state within 10 business days of its adoption. Provides that "local governing body" includes each parish governing authority, municipal governing authority, and school board.

Proposed law further requires the legislature to submit an electronic shapefile which reflects a redistricting plan enacted by law to the secretary of state within 30 business days of enactment by the legislature.

Further provides that the legislature and each local governing body shall to the extent practicable transmit to the secretary of state in the manner prescribed by proposed law each redistricting plan which is still in effect on the effective date of proposed law no later than Jan. 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 18:1945)