
DIGEST

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HB No. 553

Abstract: Provides geographic boundaries for election sections in the City Court of Lake Charles and provides for the assignment of judgeships in those districts for election purposes.

Statistical summaries of proposed law as well as maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. (Attached to hard copies of the bill distributed during session and available as a separate document on the Internet.)

Present law provides that the City Court of Lake Charles is domiciled in the city of Lake Charles and that the territorial jurisdiction of the court extends through the city and ward or wards wherein the city is located, as extended from time to time. Provides that the court has two city judges and one city marshal. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law creates two election sections in the City Court of Lake Charles. Provides that one judge shall be elected by the qualified electors of election section one, and one judge shall be elected by the qualified electors of election section two. Provides that the judgeship designated on the effective date of proposed law as Division A of the City Court of Lake Charles is assigned to election section two for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship designated on the effective date of proposed law as Division B of the City Court of Lake Charles is assigned to election section one for election purposes.

Proposed law provides that the precincts for Calcasieu Parish referenced in proposed law are those contained in the file named "2012 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Provides that the 2012 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of La. as those files have been modified by the staff of the Legislature of La. to represent precinct changes submitted through Aug. 8, 2012, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532 and 532.1).

Proposed law provides that when a precinct referenced in proposed law 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 the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the enumeration in proposed law of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be designated. Provides that the territorial limits of the election sections as provided in proposed law shall continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the

precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2010 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.

(Amends R.S. 13:1952(13))