

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 582

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Provides for election sections in the 32<sup>nd</sup> JDC

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(32) and 621.32, relative to the Thirty-Second Judicial  
3 District; to provide for election sections for the Thirty-Second Judicial District; to  
4 provide for the assignment of judgeships for election purposes; to provide for the  
5 election of judges; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:477(32) and 621.32 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §477. Judicial districts

10 There shall be forty judicial districts in the state and each district shall be  
11 composed as follows:

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13 (32) The parish of Terrebonne shall compose the Thirty-Second District.  
14 The Thirty-Second District shall consist of two election sections. Election section  
15 one shall consist of Precincts 23, 31, 33, 34, 41, 46, 48, 49, 71, 78, and 80 of  
16 Terrebonne Parish. Election section two shall consist of Precincts 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
17 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44,  
18 45, 47, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72,  
19 73, 74, 76, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, and 90 of Terrebonne Parish.

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1 §621.32. Thirty-Second Judicial District

2 The Thirty-Second Judicial District Court shall have five judges. One judge  
3 shall be elected from election section one, one judge shall be elected from election  
4 section two, and three judges shall be elected from the district at large.

5 Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those precincts identified as  
6 Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the  
7 State of Louisiana.

8 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
9 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
10 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
11 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
12 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
13 designated. The territorial limits of the election sections as provided in this Act shall  
14 continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the  
15 parish governing authority.

16 Section 3.(A) The first vacancy created by the death, resignation, or removal of a  
17 judge of the Thirty-Second Judicial District occurring after the effective date of this Act  
18 shall be filled by election from election section one of the Thirty-Second Judicial District  
19 and such judgeship shall be assigned to election section one for election purposes thereafter.  
20 However, if no election has occurred or is scheduled to occur to fill a vacancy in such a  
21 judgeship from election section one prior to the opening of qualifying for the regular  
22 statewide elections in 2014, the regular election to fill the judgeship designated as Division  
23 C of the Thirty-Second Judicial District shall be held in election section one, and such  
24 division shall be assigned to election section one for election purposes thereafter.

25 (B) Of the remaining four judgeships of the Thirty-Second Judicial District not  
26 assigned to election section one as provided in this Section, the judgeship having the division  
27 designation which occurs earliest in alphabetical order shall be assigned to election section  
28 two for election purposes, and the remaining three judgeships shall be assigned to the district  
29 at large for election purposes.

- 1 (C) The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the term of office of any judge of the  
 2 Thirty-Second Judicial District.

## DIGEST

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Honore

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**Abstract:** Provides for election sections for the 32nd Judicial District.

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 parish of Terrebonne shall compose the 32nd Judicial District. Provides that the district shall have five judges.

Proposed law creates two election sections in the 32nd Judicial District. Provides that one judge shall be elected from election section one, that one judge shall be elected from election section two, and that three judges shall be elected from the district at large.

Proposed law provides that the first vacancy created by the death, resignation, or removal of a judge of the 32nd Judicial District occurring after the effective date of proposed law shall be filled by election from election section one and such judgeship shall be assigned to election section one for election purposes thereafter. Provides, however, if no election has occurred or is scheduled to occur to fill a vacancy in such a judgeship from election section one prior to the opening of qualifying for the regular statewide elections in 2014, the regular election to fill the judgeship designated as Division C of the 32nd Judicial District shall be held in election section one, and such division shall be assigned to election section one for election purposes thereafter.

Proposed law provides that of the remaining four judgeships of the Thirty-Second Judicial District not assigned to election section one as provided in proposed law, the judgeship having the division designation which occurs earliest in alphabetical order shall be assigned to election section two for election purposes, and the remaining three judgeships shall be assigned to the district at large for election purposes.

Proposed law provides that it shall not reduce the term of office of any judge of the 32nd Judicial District.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in election section descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. 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 election sections as enacted 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. 13:477(32) and 621.32)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Instead of providing that one judge be elected from election section one and that four judges be elected from the district at large, provides that one judge be elected from election section one, that one judge be elected from election section two, and that three judges be elected from the district at large.
2. Removes specific reference to retirement in provisions regarding the first vacancy to be assigned to election section one.
3. Makes additional technical changes.