

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 839

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Provides for election sections for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1596(B), relative to the Juvenile Court for the Parish of  
3 Jefferson; to provide for election sections for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of  
4 Jefferson; to provide for the assignment of judgeships for election purposes; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1596(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1596. Judicial districts

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10 B.(1) There shall be three judges of the Juvenile Court for the Parish of  
11 Jefferson, and for purposes of nomination and election only there shall be three  
12 sections of said court, designated as Section "A", "B", and "C", the judges of which  
13 shall have full and exclusive authority as judges of the Juvenile Court for the Parish  
14 of Jefferson and preside over said court as a separate court of record. ~~The persons~~  
15 ~~presently presiding over Sections "A" and "B" of said court, and their successors in~~  
16 ~~office, shall continue to preside over Section "A" and Section "B" respectively and~~  
17 ~~Section "C" shall be occupied by the first person elected to the additional judgeship~~  
18 ~~herein created and his successors in office.~~

1           (2) The Juvenile Court of the Parish of Jefferson shall be divided into two  
2           election sections. Election section one shall consist of Precincts 170, 171, 172, 173,  
3           174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179-A, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 189, 190, 191, 192,  
4           193A, 193B, 194A, 194B, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 198, 199, 202, 203, 204, 205, 210,  
5           211, 212A, 212B, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 217, 225, 226,  
6           227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 236, 238A, 238B, 246, 247,  
7           248, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 1-GI,  
8           1-L, 1-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W, and 7-W, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,  
9           17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39,  
10           40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66,  
11           67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89,  
12           90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 116, 117,  
13           118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134,  
14           136, 138, 152, 157-A, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K,  
15           4-K, 5-K, 6-K, 7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 13-KB, 14-K, 15-K, 16-K,  
16           17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 29-K, 30-K, 34-K, and 35-K of  
17           Jefferson Parish. Election section two shall consist of Precincts 104, 108, 115, 150,  
18           151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157B, 173, 179B, 180, 181, 187, 188, 200, 201, 13-KB, 21-  
19           K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 31-K, 33-K, and 2-W of Jefferson Parish.

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21           Section 2. The first vacancy created by the death, resignation, retirement, or removal  
22 of a judge occurring after July 15, 2018, shall be filled by election from election section two  
23 and such judgeship shall be assigned to election section two for election purposes thereafter.  
24 However, if no election has occurred or is scheduled to occur to fill a vacancy in such a  
25 judgeship from election section two prior to the opening of qualifying for the regular  
26 statewide elections in 2020, the regular election to fill the judgeship designated as Division  
27 A shall be held in election section two and such division shall be assigned to election section  
28 two for election purposes thereafter. At the time a judgeship is assigned to election section

1 two, the remaining two judgeships in the first district shall be assigned to election section  
2 one for election purposes thereafter.

3 Section 3. When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of  
4 the parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the  
5 parish governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
6 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
7 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
8 designated. The territorial limits of the election sections as provided in this Act shall  
9 continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the  
10 parish governing authority.

11 Section 4.(A) Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act shall become effective solely for the  
12 purposes of qualifying and election of judges to the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson  
13 upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration  
14 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article  
15 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and  
16 subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act  
17 shall become effective for such purposes on the day following such approval. The  
18 provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act shall become effective for all other purposes  
19 on July 15, 2018.

20 (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature of this Act  
21 by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to  
22 become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
23 Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved  
24 by the legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following  
25 such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 839 Original

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Lyons

**Abstract:** Provides for two election sections for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson.

Present law provides for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson and provides for three judges of the court, who shall have the same term, possess the same qualifications as district judges, and shall receive a salary equal to the highest salary paid to any district judge in the parish.

Proposed law provides for two election sections for the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson and assigns two judges to election section one and one judge to election section two for election purposes.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action for election purposes and on July 15, 2018, for all purposes.

(Amends R.S. 13:1596(B))