

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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9,
3 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,
4 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59,
5 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82,
6 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103,
7 105, 106, 107, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129,
8 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 152, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178,
9 179A, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193A, 193B, 194A, 194B,
10 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 198, 199, 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212A, 212B, 213A,
11 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231,
12 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B, 246, 247, 248, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G,
13 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H,
14 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-K, 7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K,
15 13-KA, 14-K, 15-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 29-K, 30-K,
16 34-K, 35-K, 1-L, 1-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W and 7-W of Jefferson Parish. Election
17 section two shall consist of Precincts 104, 108, 115, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, 156,
18 157A, 157B, 173, 179B, 180, 181, 187, 188, 200, 201, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K,
19 24-K, 26-K, 31-K, 33-K and 2-W of Jefferson Parish.

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21 Section 2.(A) The first vacancy in a judgeship of the Juvenile Court for the Parish
22 of Jefferson created by the death, resignation, retirement, or removal of a judge occurring
23 after the effective date of this Act shall be filled by election from election section two and
24 such judgeship shall be assigned to election section two for election purposes thereafter. At
25 the time a judgeship is assigned to election section two, the remaining two judgeships of the
26 Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson shall be assigned to election section one for
27 election purposes thereafter.

28 (B) However, if no election to fill a vacancy in a judgeship of the Juvenile
29 Court for the Parish of Jefferson from election section two has occurred or is

1 scheduled to occur prior to the opening of qualifying for the regular statewide
2 election in 2020, the regular election to fill the judgeship designated as Section A of
3 the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson shall be held in election section two
4 and such division shall be assigned to election section two for election purposes
5 thereafter and the regular election to fill the judgeships designated as Section B and
6 Section C of the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Jefferson shall be held in election
7 section one and such divisions shall be assigned to election section one for election
8 purposes thereafter.

9 Section 3.(A) The precincts for the Parish of Jefferson referenced in this Act
10 are those contained in the file named "2017 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the
11 Louisiana House of Representatives website. The 2017 Precinct Shapefiles are based
12 upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting
13 TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified
14 by the staff of the Legislature of Louisiana to represent precinct changes submitted
15 through June 27, 2017, to the Legislature of Louisiana by parish governing
16 authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

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

25 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
26 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
27 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
28 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
29 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 839 Engrossed

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

Statistical summaries of proposed law as well as maps illustrating proposed election section 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 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. Provides that for purposes of nomination and election only there are three sections of the court, designated as Section "A", "B", and "C".

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.

Provides that the first vacancy occurring in a judgeship of the court after the effective date of proposed law shall be filled by an election held in election section two, and the remaining judgeships shall be assigned to election section one at that time. Provides, however, if no vacancy occurs or no election to fill a vacancy is scheduled before the opening of qualifying for the regularly scheduled elections occurring in 2020, then for election purposes, Section "A" shall be assigned to election section two and Sections "B" and "C" shall be assigned to election section one.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions in proposed law are those contained in the file named "2017 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website. Specifies that the 2017 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 to represent precinct changes submitted through June 27, 2017, to the legislature by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532 and 532.1).

Proposed law additionally provides that when a precinct is subdivided on a nongeographic or geographic basis under present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the general precinct designation in the district description includes all nongeographic and geographic subdivisions of the precinct, and specifies 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.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the boundaries of the election sections and specify that the precincts referenced are those contained in the "2017 Precinct Shapefiles" published on the La. House of Representatives website.
2. Change the effectiveness of all the provisions to be upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
3. Make technical changes relative to the assignment of the judgeships to the election sections.