

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 193

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

COURTS. Provides for the redistricting of the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA5s4) (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the  
3 supreme court; to provide relative to redistricting supreme court justice districts; to  
4 provide for the filling of vacancies; to eliminate statutory provisions for a temporary  
5 additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's  
6 appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§101.2. Supreme court districts; justices**

10 **The state shall be divided into seven supreme court districts. The**  
11 **supreme court shall be composed of one justice elected from each of the seven**  
12 **districts as set forth below:**

13 **(1) District 1 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,**  
14 **14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36,**  
15 **37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64,**  
16 **65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87,**  
17 **88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 117, 118,**

1 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136,  
 2 238A, 238B, 247, 248, 9-G, 10-G, 12-G, 13-G, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H,  
 3 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K, 2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-KA, 6-KB, 7-KA, 7-KB, 8-K, 9-K,  
 4 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K,  
 5 28-K, 34-K, 35-K and 1-L of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 3-20, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-11,  
 6 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-12, 5-13, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17,  
 7 5-18, 6-9, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12,  
 8 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A, 14-19, 14-20, 14-21, 16-1, 16-1A,  
 9 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 17-1, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19 and 17-20 of Orleans  
 10 Parish; Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; St. Tammany Parish and  
 11 Washington Parish.

12 (2) District 2 is composed of Catahoula Parish; Concordia Parish;  
 13 Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15,  
 14 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29,  
 15 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46,  
 16 1-48, 1-49, 1-50, 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-57, 1-58, 1-59, 1-60, 1-61, 1-62,  
 17 1-63, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-77, 1-78, 1-79,  
 18 1-80, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-90, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94,  
 19 1-95, 1-96, 1-97, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102, 1-103, 1-104, 1-105, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5,  
 20 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-22, 2-23,  
 21 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 3-8,  
 22 3-11, 3-18, 3-24, 3-27, 3-31, 3-39, 3-42, 3-54, 3-55 and 3-60 of East Baton Rouge  
 23 Parish; East Carroll Parish; East Feliciana Parish; Franklin Parish; Madison  
 24 Parish; Morehouse Parish; Precincts 3, 5, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,  
 25 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 34, 35, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 65A, 66,  
 26 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79 of Ouachita Parish; Pointe  
 27 Coupee Parish; Richland Parish; St. Helena Parish; Precincts 2, 6, 11, 15, 17,  
 28 42, 43, 45A, 45B, 46, 47, 101, 105, 107, 109, 111A, 115B, 117, 121A, 125, 127 and  
 29 133 of Tangipahoa Parish; Tensas Parish; West Baton Rouge Parish; West

1 Carroll Parish and West Feliciana Parish.

2 (3) District 3 is composed of Allen Parish; Avoyelles Parish; Beauregard  
3 Parish; Calcasieu Parish; Cameron Parish; Evangeline Parish; Grant Parish;  
4 Jefferson Davis Parish; La Salle Parish; Rapides Parish; St. Landry Parish and  
5 Vernon Parish.

6 (4) District 4 is composed of Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Caddo  
7 Parish; Caldwell Parish; Claiborne Parish; De Soto Parish; Jackson Parish;  
8 Lincoln Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 4, 6, 7, 25, 31, 32, 33, 36,  
9 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 44A, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51A, 52, 52A, 53, 54,  
10 55, 56, 56A, 57 and 58 of Ouachita Parish; Red River Parish; Sabine Parish;  
11 Union Parish; Webster Parish and Winn Parish.

12 (5) District 5 is composed of Acadia Parish; Precincts 1-12, 1-41, 1-42,  
13 1-43, 1-47, 1-56, 1-69, 1-75, 1-76, 1-89, 1-98, 1-99, 1-107, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1,  
14 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-10, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-19, 3-20,  
15 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-25, 3-26, 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37,  
16 3-38, 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53,  
17 3-56, 3-57, 3-58, 3-59, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70,  
18 3-71, 3-72, 3-73, 3-74, 3-75 and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Iberia Parish;  
19 Iberville Parish; Lafayette Parish; St. Martin Parish and Vermilion Parish.

20 (6) District 6 is composed of Ascension Parish; Assumption Parish;  
21 Lafourche Parish; Livingston Parish; Precincts 1-3, 1-6, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 4-1, 4-2,  
22 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 6-3, 6-6, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2 and 7-3 of St. Charles Parish; St. Mary  
23 Parish; Precincts 16, 28, 33, 40A, 41, 44, 49, 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73, 74, 102,  
24 104, 106, 106A, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 118A, 119, 120, 120A, 120B, 121,  
25 122A, 122B, 122C, 123, 124, 129A, 133A, 137, 137A, 137B, 137C, 137D, 139, 141,  
26 141A, 143, 143A, 145, 147, 149, 149A and 151 of Tangipahoa Parish and  
27 Terrebonne Parish.

28 (7) District 7 is composed of Precincts 57, 104, 108, 115, 116, 131, 133,  
29 138, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157A, 157B, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175,

1 176, 177, 178, 179A, 179B, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 187, 188, 189,  
 2 190, 191, 192, 193A, 193B, 194A, 194B, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 198, 199, 200, 201,  
 3 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A,  
 4 216B, 216C, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236,  
 5 237, 246, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G, 8-G, 11-G, 13-KB, 15-K, 21-K,  
 6 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 29-K, 30-K, 31-K, 33-K, 1-W, 2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W,  
 7 6-W and 7-W of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6,  
 8 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 4-2, 4-3, 4-6, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 5-7,  
 9 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8,  
 10 7-9A, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-17, 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-23,  
 11 7-24, 7-25, 7-25A, 7-26, 7-27, 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A, 7-29, 7-30, 7-32, 7-33, 7-35,  
 12 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 7-41, 7-42, 8-1, 8-2, 8-4, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14,  
 13 8-15, 8-19, 8-20, 8-21, 8-22, 8-23, 8-24, 8-25, 8-26, 8-27, 8-28, 8-30, 9-1, 9-3, 9-4,  
 14 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, 9-9, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12, 9-13, 9-14, 9-15, 9-16, 9-17, 9-19, 9-21,  
 15 9-23, 9-25, 9-26, 9-28, 9-28C, 9-29, 9-30, 9-30A, 9-31, 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-32,  
 16 9-33, 9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B, 9-37, 9-38, 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40,  
 17 9-40A, 9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-41C, 9-41D, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A, 9-43B,  
 18 9-43C, 9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I, 9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M, 9-43N,  
 19 9-44, 9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F, 9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L, 9-44M,  
 20 9-44N, 9-44O, 9-44P, 9-44Q, 9-45, 9-45A, 10-3, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-11,  
 21 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, 11-12, 11-13,  
 22 11-14, 11-17, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-9, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12,  
 23 12-13, 12-14, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6, 13-7, 13-8,  
 24 13-9, 13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 14-23, 14-24A, 14-25, 14-26,  
 25 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12A, 15-13,  
 26 15-13A, 15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A, 15-14B, 15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E, 15-14F,  
 27 15-14G, 15-15, 15-15A, 15-15B, 15-16, 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B, 15-18, 15-18A,  
 28 15-18B, 15-18C, 15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F, 15-19, 15-19A, 15-19B, 15-19C, 16-6,  
 29 16-7, 16-8, 16-9, 17-2, 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-9, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12,

1 17-13, 17-13A, 17-14, 17-15 and 17-16 of Orleans Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-4,  
2 1-5, 2-1, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 5-1, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 7-4, 7-5 and 7-6 of St.  
3 Charles Parish; St. James Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish.

4 §101.3. Assignment of districts; vacancies; elections; redistricting

5 A. Each justice of the supreme court in office on the effective date of this  
6 Section shall be assigned to the district composed as provided by R.S. 13:101.2  
7 having the same designation as the district from which the justice was elected  
8 and may complete the term for which he was elected.

9 B. The successor to the office of justice of the supreme court shall be  
10 elected from the district assigned to that office as provided by Subsection A of  
11 this Section. The election shall be from the district composed as provided by  
12 R.S. 13:101.2.

13 Section 2. R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4 are hereby repealed.

14 Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file  
15 named "2024 Precinct Shape files (01-10-2024)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's  
16 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2024 Precinct Shape files are based upon  
17 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line  
18 Shape files for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated  
19 through the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the  
20 Louisiana Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 10, 2024, to the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S.  
22 18:532 and 532.1.

23 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the  
24 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish  
25 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
26 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all  
27 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be  
28 designated.

29 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in

1 effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by  
2 the parish governing authority.

3 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not  
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
5 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
6 this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the  
7 provisions of this Section and Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on the day  
8 following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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#### DIGEST

SB 193 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

Pressly

Present constitution (Const. Art. V, §3) provides the supreme court must be composed of a chief justice and six associate justices.

Present constitution (Const. Art. V, §4) provides the state must be divided into at least six supreme court districts, and at least one judge shall be elected from each. Further provides the districts and the number of judges assigned to each on the effective date of the constitution are retained, subject to change by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the seven supreme court districts and assigns each justice in office to a district.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts contained in the file named "2024 Precinct Shape files (01-10-2024)" available on the legislature's website. The 2023 Precinct Shape files are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shape files for the State of La. as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through Jan. 10, 2024, to the Legislature of La. by parish governing authorities.

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 districts as enacted shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171), Summary File for La. Population data, statistical information, and maps are supplied for purposes of information and analysis and comprise no part of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the new districts become effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3; repeals R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4)