SLS 241ES-21 ORIGINAL

2024 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 4

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BY SENATORS PRICE AND DUPLESSIS

CONGRESS. Provides for redistricting of Louisiana congressional districts. (Item #1)(See Act)

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 18:1276.1 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276, relative to congressional districts; to
3	provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with
4	respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon
5	congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 18:1276.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§1276.1. Congressional districts
10	Louisiana shall be divided into six congressional districts, and the
11	qualified electors of each district shall elect one representative to the United
12	States House of Representatives. The districts shall be composed as follows:
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, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63,
16	64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86,
17	87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 117,

1	118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134,
2	136, 138, 246, 247, 248, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K,
3	2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-KA, 6-KB, 7-KA, 7-KB, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K,
4	13-KA, 14-K, 15-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 29-K,
5	34-K, 35-K and 1-L of Jefferson Parish; Lafourche Parish; Precincts 3-9, 3-12,
6	<u>3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-11, 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, </u>
7	4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 5-13, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17, 5-18, 6-9,
8	7-17, 7-41, 7-42, 9-45, 9-45A, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6, 13-7, 13-8, 13-9,
9	13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6,
10	<u>14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A,</u>
11	14-19, 14-20, 14-21, 14-25, 16-1, 16-1A, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6, 16-7, 16-8,
12	17-1, 17-2, 17-3, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19 and 17-20 of Orleans Parish;
13	Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; St. Mary Parish; Precincts 403, 408,
14	409, 412, 426, 603, 604, 606, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 801, 802, 802A, 803,
15	804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 815A, 816, 817, 818,
16	901, 902, 903, 903A, 904, 905, 906, 907, 909, 909A, 910, 911, 913, 914, 915, 916,
17	917, 918, 921, 922, M02, M04, M09, M09A, M10, P01, S01, S02, S03, S04, S05,
18	S06, S07, S08, S09, S10, S11, S13, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S21, S22, S23 and S24
19	of St. Tammany Parish and Terrebonne Parish.
20	(2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48,
21	50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 65 and 66 of Ascension Parish; Assumption Parish;
22	Precincts 1-1, 1-3, 1-8, 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 7-5, 8-2, 8-3, 9-1, 9-2, 9-4, 9-5, 10-1, 11-1,
23	11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6, 12-1, 12-2 and 12-3 of Iberia Parish; Iberville Parish;
24	Precincts 104, 108, 115, 116, 131, 133, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157A,
25	157B, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179A, 179B, 180, 181, 182, 183,
26	184, 185A, 185B, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193A, 193B, 194A, 194B, 195, 196,
27	197A, 197B, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212, 213A, 213B,
28	213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 216C, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231,
29	232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B, 1-G, 2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 6-G, 7-G,

1	8-G, 9-G, 10-G, 11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 30-K,
2	31-K, 33-K, 1-W, 2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W and 7-W of Jefferson Parish;
3	Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6, 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 4-2, 4-3, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3,
4	5-5, 5-7, 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, 7-9A, 7-10,
5	7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-23, 7-24, 7-25, 7-25A,
6	7-26, 7-27, 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A, 7-29, 7-30, 7-32, 7-33, 7-35, 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 8-1,
7	8-2, 8-4, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 8-12, 8-13, 8-14, 8-15, 8-19, 8-20, 8-21, 8-22, 8-23, 8-24,
8	8-25, 8-26, 8-27, 8-28, 8-30, 9-1, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, 9-9, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12,
9	9-13, 9-14, 9-15, 9-16, 9-17, 9-19, 9-21, 9-23, 9-25, 9-26, 9-28, 9-28C, 9-29, 9-30,
10	9-30A, 9-31, 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-32, 9-33, 9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B,
11	9-37, 9-38, 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40, 9-40A, 9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-41C,
12	9-41D, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A, 9-43B, 9-43C, 9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I,
13	9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M, 9-43N, 9-44, 9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F,
14	9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L, 9-44M, 9-44N, 9-44O, 9-44P, 9-44Q, 10-3, 10-6, 10-7,
15	10-8, 10-9, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10,
16	11-11, 11-12, 11-13, 11-14, 11-17, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-9,
17	<u>12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 14-23, 14-24A, 14-26, 15-1, </u>
18	15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12A, 15-13, 15-13A,
19	15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A, 15-14B, 15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E, 15-14F, 15-14G, 15-15,
20	15-15A, 15-15B, 15-16, 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B, 15-18, 15-18A, 15-18B, 15-18C,
21	15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F, 15-19, 15-19A, 15-19B, 15-19C, 16-9, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6,
22	17-7, 17-8, 17-9, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 17-13A, 17-14, 17-15 and 17-16 of
23	Orleans Parish; St. Charles Parish; St. James Parish; St. John the Baptist
24	Parish and St. Martin Parish.
25	(3) District 3 is composed of Acadia Parish; Allen Parish; Beauregard
26	Parish; Calcasieu Parish; Cameron Parish; Evangeline Parish; Precincts 1-7,
27	2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 4-3, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-5, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4,
28	8-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, 12-4, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 14-1, 14-3, 14-4 and 14-5
29	of Iberia Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish; Precincts 3, 8, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31,

1	32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70,
2	71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93,
3	94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111,
4	114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134,
5	135 and 136 of Lafayette Parish; Precincts C22, C23, C31, C32, C33, C34, C35,
6	C36, C37-A, C37-B, C41, C42, N6, N7, N11, N12, N13-A, N13-B, N14-A, N14-B,
7	N15, N16, N17, N18-A, N18-B, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, S1, S2,
8	S4, S5, S6A, S6B, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S13, S14, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26,
9	S27, S28 and S29 of Rapides Parish; Vermilion Parish and Precincts 1-1, 1-1A,
10	1-1B, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6A, 1-7, 1-7B, 1-8, 1-9, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-3A, 4-3B, 4-3C, 4-3G,
11	4-3K, 4-3L, 4-3N, 5-1, 5-2, 5-2A, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 7-1, 7-2, 7-2B, 7-3, 7-4, 7-4A,
12	7-5, 7-5A, 7-5D, 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3 of Vernon Parish.
13	(4) District 4 is composed of Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Caddo
14	Parish; Caldwell Parish; Claiborne Parish; De Soto Parish; Grant Parish;
15	Jackson Parish; La Salle Parish; Lincoln Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Precincts
16	1, 1A, 2, 4, 6, 7, 25, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 44A, 45, 46,
17	48, 49, 50, 51, 51A, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 56A, 57, 58, 61, 64, 71, 75, 76, 77 and
18	78 of Ouachita Parish; Red River Parish; Sabine Parish; Union Parish;
19	Precincts 1-2, 1-3, 1-3C, 1-4B, 1-4C, 1-5A, 1-6, 1-6B, 1-8A, 2-1, 2-1A, 2-2, 2-2A,
20	2-3, 2-4, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5 of Vernon Parish; Webster Parish and Winn
21	Parish.
22	(5) District 5 is composed of Avoyelles Parish; Catahoula Parish;
23	Concordia Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-13,
24	1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27,
25	1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-33, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-45, 1-50, 1-51, 1-52, 1-53,
26	1-54, 1-55, 1-57, 1-58, 1-60, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-74,
27	1-77, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94,
28	1-95, 1-96, 1-97, 1-100, 1-101, 1-104, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-9, 2-10,
29	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, 2-24,

1	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, 3-24,
2	3-28, 3-32, 3-42, 3-54 and 3-72 of East Baton Rouge Parish; East Carroll Parish;
3	East Feliciana Parish; Franklin Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
4	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61,
5	63, 64, 68, 112, 113, 122, 123 and 129 of Lafayette Parish; Madison Parish;
6	Morehouse Parish; Precincts 3, 5, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
7	20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 47, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65, 65A, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72,
8	73, 74 and 79 of Ouachita Parish; Pointe Coupee Parish; Precincts C1, C2, C3,
9	C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11-A, C11-B, C13, C14, C15, C17, C18, C19,
10	C20, C21, C24, C25, C26, C27, C28, C30, C38-A, C38-B, C39, C40, N1, N2, N3,
11	N4, N5, N8, N9, N10, N27, N28, N29, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19 and S20 of Rapides
12	Parish; Richland Parish; St. Helena Parish; St. Landry Parish; Precincts 2, 6,
13	11, 15, 16, 17, 28, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 106A, 107, 108, 109, 111A and 115B of
14	Tangipahoa Parish; Tensas Parish; West Baton Rouge Parish; West Carroll
15	Parish and West Feliciana Parish.
16	(6) District 6 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
17	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, 43,
18	58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77 and 78 of Ascension Parish; Precincts
19	1-8, 1-12, 1-34, 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-46, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-56,
20	1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-73, 1-75, 1-76, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89, 1-90, 1-98, 1-99,
21	1-102, 1-103, 1-105, 1-107, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-10,
22	3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-25,
23	3-26, 3-27, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39, 3-40, 3-41,
24	3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-55, 3-56, 3-57,
25	3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69, 3-70, 3-71,
26	3-73, 3-74, 3-75 and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Livingston Parish;
27	Precincts 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106A, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114,
28	115, 116, 118, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307,
29	308, 309, 310, 312, 312A, 313, 314, 401, 402, 404, 405, 406, 407, 410, 411, 413,

1	414, 415, 410, 417, 416, 419, 420, 421, 422, 427, 429, 450, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505,
2	602, 605, 609, A01, A02, A02A, A03, A04, C01, C02, C03, C04, C06, C07, C08,
3	C09, C11, F01, M01, M06, M07, M08, M11, M12 and MD1 of St. Tammany
4	Parish; Precincts 33, 40A, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45A, 45B, 46, 47, 49, 70, 70A, 71, 72,
5	72A, 73, 74, 110, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 118A, 119, 120, 120A, 120B, 121, 121A,
6	122A, 122B, 122C, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129A, 133, 133A, 137, 137A, 137B, 137C,
7	137D, 139, 141, 141A, 143, 143A, 145, 147, 149, 149A and 151 of Tangipahoa
8	Parish and Washington Parish.
9	Section 2. R.S. 18:1276 is hereby repealed.
10	Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
11	named "2024 Precinct Shapefiles (1-10-2024)" available on the website of the Legislature
12	of Louisiana on the effective date of this Section. The 2024 Precinct Shapefiles are based
13	upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
14	Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through
15	the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana
16	Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 10, 2024, to the Legislature
17	of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and
18	532.1.
19	(B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
20	parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
21	governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
22	18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
23	nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
24	designated.
25	(C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
26	effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by
27	the parish governing authority.
28	Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the term of office of any person
29	holding any position or office on the effective date of this Section for which the appointment

or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to R.S. 18:1276. Any position or office that is filled by appointment or election based upon a congressional district and that is to be filled after January 3, 2025, shall be appointed or elected from a district as it is described in Section 1 of this Act.

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Section 5.(A) Solely for the purposes of qualifying for election and the conduct of the election of representatives to the United States Congress at the regularly scheduled election for representatives to the congress in 2024, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval for the purposes established in this Subsection.

- (B) For subsequent elections of representatives to the United States Congress and for all other purposes, the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective at noon on January 3, 2025.
- (C) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective at noon on January 3, 2025.
- (D) The provisions of this Section and Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

2024 First Extraordinary Session

Price

<u>Present U.S. Constitution</u> (14th Amendment) provides that representatives in congress shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that the population

of congressional districts in the same state must be as nearly equal in population as practicable.

<u>Present law</u> provides for six congressional districts based upon the 2020 federal decennial census.

<u>Proposed law</u> redraws district boundaries for the congressional districts based upon the 2020 federal decennial census.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the new districts become effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2024. Retains <u>present law</u> districts based upon the 2020 census until noon on January 3, 2025, at which time <u>present law</u> is repealed and the new districts based upon the 2020 census, as established by <u>proposed law</u>, become effective for all other purposes.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the file named "2024 Precinct Shapefiles (1-10-2024)" available on the La. Legislature's website. Specifies that the 2024 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through the data verification program of the La. legislature. 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that <u>proposed law</u> does not reduce the term of office of any person holding any position or office on the effective date of <u>proposed law</u> for which the appointment or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to <u>present law</u>. Specifies that any position or office filled after Jan. 1, 2025, for which the appointment or election is based upon a congressional district shall be appointed or elected from a district as it is described in proposed law.

Population data in the summaries accompanying this digest are derived from 2020 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 for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2024; effective for all other purposes at noon on January 3, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 18:1276.1; repeals R.S. 18:1276)