First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Provides for election sections in the Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit (Item #7)

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 13:312(3)(b)(i) and 312.1(C), relative to the Court of Appeal for

3   the Third Circuit; to provide election sections for the election of judges to the first

4   district of the Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit; to provide for the assignment

5   of judgeships for election purposes; to provide for the election of judges; to provide

6   for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8   Section 1. R.S. 13:312(3)(b)(i) and 312.1(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to

9   read as follows:

10   §312. Courts of appeal; circuits and districts

11   There shall be five court of appeal circuits, which shall be subdivided into

12   districts as follows:

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16   (b) Districts of third circuit.

17   (i)   The parishes of Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle,

18   Natchitoches, Rapides, and Sabine shall compose the first district of the third circuit.

19   The first district shall be further divided into two election sections.

20   (aa) Election section one shall be composed of Avoyelles Parish; Catahoula

21   Parish; Concordia Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 2-2, 2-3, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, 6-1,

22   6-2, 6-3, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3 of Grant Parish; La Salle Parish;

23   Precincts 4-6 and 4-7 of Natchitoches Parish; Precincts C22, C23, N5, N6, N7, N8,

1   N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14, N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23,

2   N24, N25, N26, N27, N28, N29, S2, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S13, S14, S15, S16, S17,

3   S18, S19, S20, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S28 and S29 of Rapides Parish

4   and Sabine Parish.

5   (bb) Election section two shall be composed of Precincts 2-1, 3-1, 3-2 and

6   3-3 of Grant Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-1A, 1-2, 1-3, 1-3A, 1-4, 1-4A, 1-4B, 1-5, 1-5A,

7   1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-9A, 1-10, 1-10A, 1-10B, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3,

8   2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-7A, 2-8, 2-9, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10, 4-1,

9   4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-8 and 4-9 of Natchitoches Parish and Precincts C1, C2, C3, C4,

10   C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11, C13, C14, C15, C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, C24, C25,

11   C26, C27, C28, C30, C31, C32, C33, C34, C35, C36, C37, C38, C39, C40, C41,

12   C42, N1, N2, N3, N4, S1, S4, S5 and S6 of Rapides Parish.

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14   §312.1. Circuit court of appeal; domicile; number of judges; election

15   *   *   *

16   C. The Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit, domiciled in the city of Lake

17   Charles, shall have twelve judges. Three judges shall be elected from the first

18   district at large by the qualified electors thereof by electing two judges from election

19   section one and by electing one judge from election section two of the first district

20   as provided in R.S. 13:312(3); three judges shall be elected from the second district

21   by electing one judge from election section one and by electing two judges from

22   election section two of the second district as provided in R.S. 13:312(3); and six

23   judges shall be elected from the third district by electing one judge from each of the

24   five election sections as provided in R.S. 13:312(3), and by electing one judge from

25   the third district at large.

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27   Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those precincts identified as

28   Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the

29   State of Louisiana.

1   (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the

2   parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish

3   governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.

4   18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all

5   nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be

6   designated. The territorial limits of the election sections as provided in this Act shall

7   continue in effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the

8   parish governing authority.

9   Section 3.(A) The judgeships currently designated as Division B and Division C of

10   the first district of the Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit are hereby assigned to election

11   section one for election purposes.

12   (B) The judgeship currently designated as Division A of the first district of the Court

13   of Appeal for the Third Circuit is hereby assigned to election section two for election

14   purposes.

15   Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

16   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

17   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

18   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

19   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)]

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Abstract: Divides the first district of the Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit into two
          election sections and assigns judgeships to the election sections.

Statistical summaries of underscored 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 first district of the Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit is
comprised of Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, and
Sabine parishes. Provides that three judges are elected at large from the first district.

Proposed law divides the first district into two election sections. Provides that two judges are elected from election section one and that one judge is elected from election section two. Provides that the judgeships currently designated as Division B and Division C of the first district are assigned to election section one for election purposes. Provides that the judgeship currently designated as Division A of the first district is assigned to election section two for election purposes.

Proposed law specifies that the precincts referenced in proposed law are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. Provides that when a precinct referenced in proposed law 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 the provisions of present law (R.S. 18:532.1), the enumeration in proposed law of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be designated. Provides 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. 13:312(3)(b)(i) and 312.1(C))

Total Population

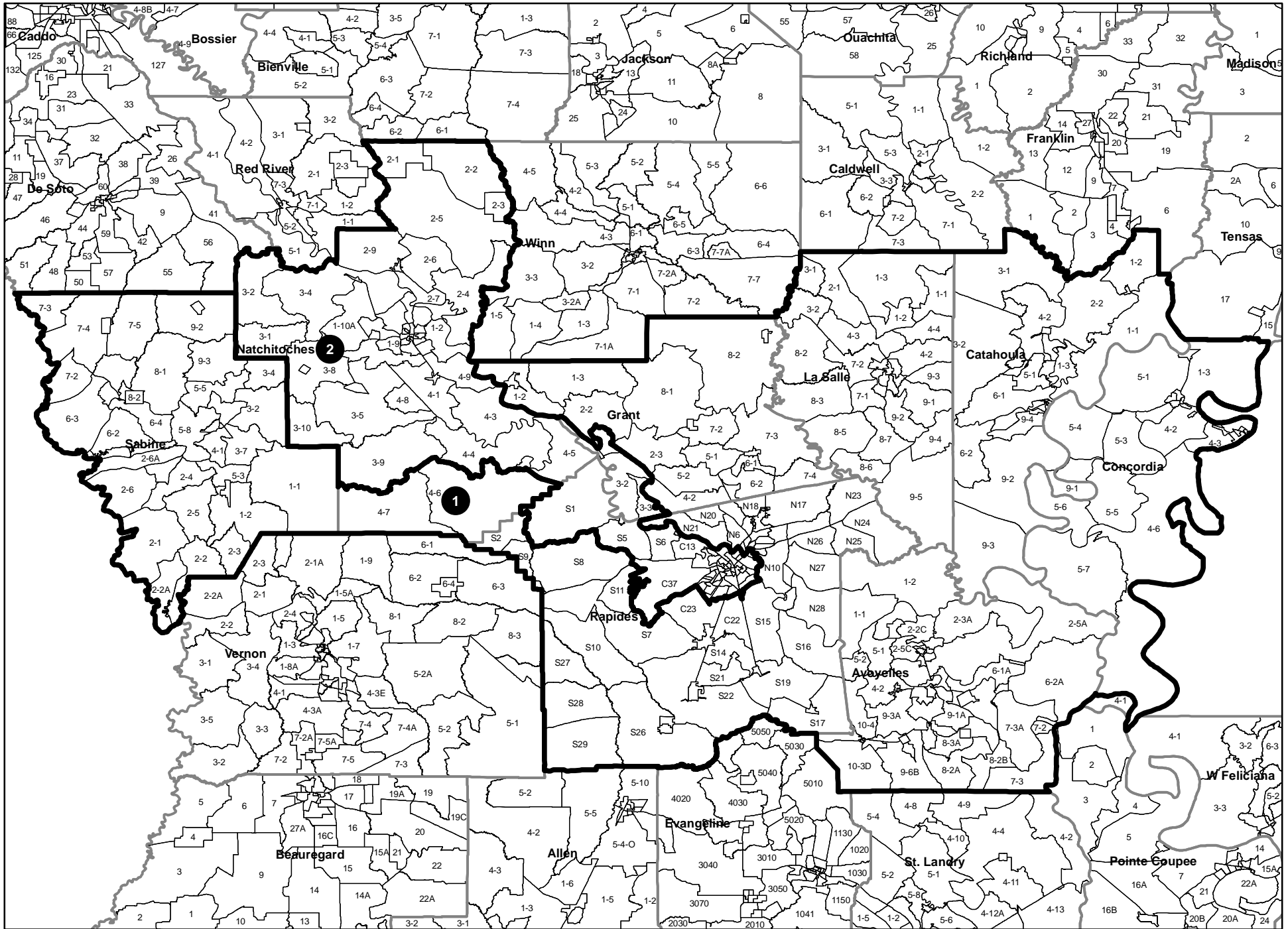|	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	Total Hispanic	Reg Total Jan 2011
District 1	198,522	150,233	40,281	1,102	5,244	1,662	5,174	114,453
	100.000%	75.676%	20.290%	0.555%	2.642%	0.837%	2.606%	76.245%
District 2	107,391	49,759	54,089	1,470	1,140	933	1,966	62,930
	100.000%	46.334%	50.366%	1.369%	1.062%	0.869%	1.831%	78.935%
Grand Total	305,913	199,992	94,370	2,572	6,384	2,595	7,140	177,383
	100.000%	65.375%	30.849%	0.841%	2.087%	0.848%	2.334%	77.178%

Voter Registration

	Reg Total Jan 2011	Reg White Jan 2011	Reg Black Jan 2011	Reg Other Jan 2011	Reg Dem Total Jan 2011	Reg Rep Total Jan 2011	Reg Other Total Jan 2011
District 1	114,453	93,172	17,941	3,340	59,409	31,166	23,878
	76.245%	81.406%	15.675%	2.918%	51.907%	27.230%	20.863%
District 2	62,930	31,777	28,896	2,257	35,983	13,595	13,352
	78.935%	50.496%	45.918%	3.587%	57.179%	21.603%	21.217%
Grand Total	177,383	124,949	46,837	5,597	95,392	44,761	37,230

Splits

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	Reg Total Jan 2011	Reg White Jan 2011	Reg Black Jan 2011	Reg Other Jan 2011
District 1																
Avoyelles	42,073	28,188	12,876	174	641	194	31,790	21,850	9,247	126	431	136	23,105	16,874	5,790	441
Catahoula	10,407	6,985	3,318	9	53	42	8,057	5,543	2,438	8	43	25	6,380	4,749	1,596	35
Concordia	20,822	11,959	8,604	59	123	77	15,589	9,298	6,117	41	88	45	12,696	7,997	4,529	170
*Grant	19,827	17,258	2,033	95	375	66	15,321	13,063	1,877	65	270	46	10,281	9,780	270	231
La Salle	14,890	12,689	1,808	40	215	138	11,366	9,677	1,402	35	143	109	8,427	7,648	621	158
*Natchitoches	620	578	24	2	11	5	482	451	17	2	7	5	321	312	0	9
*Rapides	65,650	55,421	7,384	639	1,190	1,016	49,196	42,017	5,166	446	897	670	39,406	35,001	3,103	1,302
Sabine	24,233	17,155	4,234	84	2,636	124	18,311	13,544	2,835	63	1,796	73	13,837	10,811	2,032	994
District 1	198,522 100.000%	150,233 75.676%	40,281 20.290%	1,102 0.555%	5,244 2.642%	1,662 0.837%	150,112 100.000%	115,443 76.905%	29,099 19.385%	786 0.524%	3,675 2.448%	1,109 0.739%	114,453 76.245%	93,172 81.406%	17,941 15.675%	3,340 2.918%
District 2																
*Grant	2,482	891	1,569	2	10	10	1,837	725	1,101	2	4	5	1,619	581	1,014	24
*Natchitoches	38,946	20,916	16,754	195	638	443	29,484	16,775	11,754	149	470	336	22,661	12,869	8,878	914
*Rapides	65,963	27,952	35,766	1,273	492	480	48,403	22,562	24,202	931	373	335	38,650	18,327	19,004	1,319
District 2	107,391 100.000%	49,759 46.334%	54,089 50.366%	1,470 1.369%	1,140 1.062%	933 0.869%	79,724 100.000%	40,062 50.251%	37,057 46.482%	1,082 1.357%	847 1.062%	676 0.848%	62,930 78.935%	31,777 50.496%	28,896 45.918%	2,257 3.587%

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