

ACTS OF 2024

1ST EXTRAORDINARY

SESSION OF THE

LEGISLATURE

Acts 1-3

ACT No. 1

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

BY REPRESENTATIVES EMERSON, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, CARLSON, DEVILLIER, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCCORMICK, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:401(B), 423(E), 441(C)(1), 467(introductory paragraph), 481, 511(B), 521(A), 1254(A), 1272(A), 1278(B), 1280.22(A), 1401(A), and 1461(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14), 401(C), and Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:410.1 through 410.10, relative to elections; to provide for a party primary system of elections for certain offices, including provisions to provide for nomination of candidates for general elections by party primary elections; to provide for qualification of candidates unaffiliated with a recognized political party in the general election; to provide for voting by voters registered as affiliated with the party in the party primary election and for voting by voters unaffiliated with a recognized political party if allowed by the party central committee; to provide for election dates; to provide relative to certain qualifying fees; to provide relative to the compensation of boards of elections supervisors; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:401(B), 423(E), 441(C)(1), 467(introductory paragraph), 481, 511(B), 521(A), 1254(A), 1272(A), 1278(B), 1280.22(A), 1401(A), and 1461(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:2(12), (13), and (14), 401(C), and Part I-A of Chapter 5 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 18:410.1 through 410.10, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Definitions

As used in this Code, the following words and terms shall have the meanings hereinafter ascribed to each, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

* * *

(12) “Party primary office” means an office of senator or representative in the United States Congress, justice of the supreme court, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Public Service Commission.

(13) “Primary election” means a primary election for a party primary office or an office other than a party primary office.

(14) “Party affiliation” and “affiliation with a political party” mean the party affiliation designated in the registrant’s information on the state voter registration computer system.

* * *

§401. Purpose and nature of primary and general elections

* * *

B. Nature of primary elections. ~~AH~~ (1) Except for the election of persons to a party primary office in a party primary election, all qualified voters of this state may vote on candidates for public office in primary and general elections without regard to the voter’s party affiliation or lack of it, and all candidates for public office who qualify for a primary or general election may be voted on without regard to the candidate’s party affiliation or lack of it.

(2) Nature of party primary elections. The nature of party primary elections shall be as provided in Part I-A of Chapter 5 of this Code.

C. Nature of general elections. All qualified voters of this state may vote on candidates for public office in general elections without regard to the voter’s party affiliation or lack of it, and all candidates for public office who qualify for a general election may be voted on without regard to the candidate’s party affiliation or lack of it.

* * *

PART I-A. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PARTY PRIMARY OFFICES

§410.1. Party primary elections

Party primary elections for party primary offices as defined in R.S. 18:2 shall be held pursuant to this Part and any provision of this Code in conflict with these provisions shall not be applicable to elections for party primary offices.

Any provision of this Code that is not in conflict with these provisions shall be applicable to these elections unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. For purposes of this Part, the phrase “recognized political party” shall mean a political party recognized pursuant to R.S. 18:441(C).

§410.2. Party primary office; party primary qualifications

Recognized political parties shall make nominations of candidates for party primary office as provided in this Part. Only candidates affiliated with a recognized political party may participate in the party primary election of the political party of the candidate’s party affiliation.

§410.3. Purpose and nature of party primary elections

For general elections political parties shall make all nominations of candidates for party primary office by direct primary elections held pursuant to this Part. In party primary elections, each voter voting in such election may vote only for a candidate who is affiliated with the same party as the voter. Voters not affiliated with a political party may vote in a recognized party primary, but such voter may vote only in one recognized party primary.

§410.4. Manner of qualifying for a party primary election

A. A person who desires to become a candidate in a party primary election shall qualify as a candidate by timely filing notice of his candidacy, which shall be accompanied either by a nominating petition or by the qualifying fee and any additional fee imposed. A candidate whose notice of candidacy is accompanied by a nominating petition shall not be required to pay any qualifying fee or any additional fee.

B. A person who desires to become a candidate in a party primary election shall be affiliated with a recognized political party. A person may qualify as a candidate only in a party primary election of the party with which he is affiliated as shown on his voter registration at the time of qualifying for that office. No candidate shall change his political party affiliation after he has qualified for an election until the deadline for an election contest has passed.

§410.5. Nominating petitions

A. A person may be nominated as a candidate in a party primary election only by persons who are affiliated with the same recognized political party, who are qualified to vote on the office he seeks, and who sign a nominating petition for him no more than one hundred twenty days before the qualifying period opens for candidates in the party primary election. The registrar of voters shall reject any signature on a nominating petition not in compliance with this Section.

B. Except as provided in Subsection A of this Section, the provisions of R.S. 18:465 apply to the nominating petition of a party primary candidate.

§410.6. Death of a candidate; procedure

When a person who qualified as a candidate in a party primary election for the office of party nominee dies after the close of the qualifying period and before the time for closing the polls on the day of that party primary election, the name of the deceased candidate shall not be printed on the party primary election ballot. If the party primary election ballot was printed with the deceased candidate’s name on it, any votes received by the deceased candidate shall be void and shall not be counted for any purpose whatsoever.

§410.7. Party candidates who qualify for a general election

A. The candidate who receives the majority of votes in the party primary qualifies for the general election as the party’s nominee for the office. All candidate nominations for a party primary office by recognized political parties for the general election shall be made in this manner.

B. In the event that no candidate receives the majority of votes in the first party primary, the two candidates from each political party who received the greatest number of votes in the first party primary shall be voted on in the second party primary.

(1) In the case of a tie vote for first place in the first party primary of a recognized political party, all candidates affiliated with the same political party who received the same highest number of votes qualify for the second party primary.

(2) In the case of a tie vote for second place in the first party primary of a recognized political party, all of the candidates affiliated with the same political party who received the same second highest number of votes and the candidate affiliated with the same political party who received the highest number of votes qualify for the second party primary.

(3) If one of the persons receiving the highest number of votes in the first party primary withdraws his candidacy, dies, or is otherwise disqualified, thereby leaving only one candidate from the same political party in the race, the remaining candidate who has received the highest number of votes for the office for which he was a candidate shall be declared the nominee of the party.

C. There shall be no third party primary. For any situation not specifically provided for herein, the state central committee of the recognized political party involved shall provide for the selection of a nominee from the candidates and shall provide notice of the selection of a nominee to the secretary of state no later than five business days after the second party primary election.

§410.8. Candidates not affiliated with a recognized political party; qualifying for the general election

A. Any person who desires to become a candidate in a general election for a party primary office and who is not registered as being affiliated with a recognized political party shall file his notice of candidacy, which shall be accompanied by a nominating petition as provided in R.S. 18:465, with the appropriate qualifying official during the qualifying period established for the party primary election. The number of signatures required on such a nominating petition shall be as set forth in R.S. 18:465.

B. A person filing a notice of candidacy as provided in Subsection A of

this Section may be nominated only by persons who are qualified to vote on the office he seeks, who sign a nominating petition for him, and who are not affiliated with a recognized political party. The registrar of voters shall reject any signature on a nominating petition not in compliance with this Subsection.

§410.9. Nomination of candidates in a party primary election; general election; unopposed candidate

A. If, after the close of the qualifying period for candidates in a party primary election, only one candidate qualified for the recognized political party or only one candidate for the recognized political party remains after the withdrawal of one or more candidates, the candidate is declared the nominee of the party, and his name shall not appear on the ballot in a party primary election but shall be on the ballot for the general election. If a party primary election ballot was printed with the name of a candidate who withdrew on it, any votes received by a candidate who withdrew shall be void and shall not be counted for any purpose whatsoever.

B. If, after the close of the qualifying period for candidates for a party primary office, only one candidate qualified for a party primary election or the general election or only one candidate remains after the withdrawal or disqualification of one or more candidates, the candidate is declared elected by the people at the close of the polls on the day of the general election, and his name shall not appear on the ballot in a party primary and such candidate's name shall not appear on the general election ballot.

§410.10. Party primary elections

Party primary elections shall be held in March of an election year.

§423. Parish boards of election supervisors

E. Compensation. Each member of the parish board of election supervisors shall receive one hundred fifty dollars for each day, not to exceed six days, actually spent in the performance of his duties in preparing for and supervising each election held in the parish, except that each member of the board may be compensated for not more than ~~seven~~ eight days for a presidential or regularly scheduled or special congressional primary or general election. In addition, each member of the board who is not a public official shall receive fifty dollars for each day spent in court as a subpoenaed witness in litigation concerning the performance of his duties as a member of the parish board of election supervisors in connection with an election.

§441. Recognition

C.(1)(a) A political party shall be recognized if any one candidate of the political party for presidential elector received at least five percent of the votes cast in this state for presidential electors in the last presidential election, or if any one candidate of the political party for any statewide office received at least five percent of the votes cast for the statewide office in any primary or general election.

(b) Only political parties that are recognized in accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be entitled to participate in party primary elections held in accordance with this Title.

§467. Opening of qualifying period

The Except as otherwise provided in Part I-A of Chapter 5 of this Code, the qualifying period for candidates in a primary election shall open:

§481. Candidates who qualify for a general election

The Except for candidates for a party primary office, the candidates who qualify for each office remaining to be filled in the general election are those who received the two highest numbers of votes, the four highest number of votes, and so on among those not elected in the primary election, until the maximum number of candidates for each office on the general election ballot is reached.

§511. Election of candidates in a primary election

B. Election of unopposed candidates for public office. If, after the close of the qualifying period for candidates in a primary election other than a party primary election, the number of candidates for a public office does not exceed the number of persons to be elected to the office, the candidates for that office, or those remaining after the withdrawal of one or more candidates, are declared elected by the people, and their names shall not appear on the ballot in either the primary or the general election.

§521. Qualifications of voters

A. Candidates for public office. All persons who have registered to vote in this state prior to the time the registration records are closed as required in R.S 18:135 may vote in the election for any candidates except as otherwise provided in Part I-A of Chapter 5 of this Code and those seeking membership on a committee of a political party with which the voter is not registered as being affiliated.

§1254. Slates of candidates not affiliated with a recognized political party; nominating petitions and qualifying by payment of qualifying fees

A. A slate of candidates for presidential elector who are not affiliated with a recognized political party may be nominated by nominating petition or may qualify by the payment of a qualifying fee of ~~five hundred one thousand~~

THE ADVOCATE
PAGE 2

* As it appears in the enrolled bill

dollars. Such qualifying fee shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:464(A). The period for filing such qualifying fee shall begin on the third Tuesday in July and shall end at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August of each year in which a presidential election is to be held. Each qualifying fee shall be accompanied by the notice of candidacy and notarized affidavit of each candidate for elector signifying his acceptance of the nomination. A candidate for presidential elector who is not affiliated with a recognized political party may be registered to vote with or without a declaration of party affiliation.

§1272. United States senators; representatives in congress; time of electing

A. All general elections for representatives in congress shall be held on the fifth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. The primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year. Elections for representatives in congress shall held in the manner and at the times provided in this Title.

§1278. Vacancies; United States senator

B. If a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator and the unexpired term is more than one year, an appointment to fill the vacancy shall be temporary. Any senator so appointed shall serve until his successor is elected at a special election and takes office. Within ten days after receiving official notice of the vacancy, the governor shall issue a proclamation for special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The date of the special election shall be established by the governor in accordance with the ~~provisions of R.S. 18:402(E) procedures and on the election dates established in this Code.~~ The dates of the qualifying period shall be established by the governor in accordance with ~~R.S. 18:467, 467-1, and 468~~ on dates in compliance with the provisions of this Code. Within twenty-four hours after its issuance, the governor shall send a copy of the proclamation to the secretary of state. Within twenty-four hours after he receives the copy, the secretary of state shall notify all election officials having any duty to perform in connection with a special election to fill such vacancy, including the parish boards of election supervisors for the parish or parishes in which the vacancy occurred. Immediately thereafter the secretary of state shall publish the proclamation in the official journal of each parish in which the election is to be held. The election shall be conducted and the returns shall be certified as in regular elections for United States senator.

§1280.22. Candidates; procedure for qualifying

A. Candidates for presidential nominee shall qualify in accordance with procedures established by the party. Prior to qualification as a candidate of a political party for presidential nominee, a person shall pay a qualifying fee of ~~seven hundred fifty one thousand~~ one thousand dollars and any additional fee as authorized by R.S. 18:464(C) or shall have obtained a nominating petition, bearing the handwritten signatures of no less than one thousand registered voters affiliated with the party from each of the congressional districts into which the state is divided. If the candidate is qualifying by paying a fee, the fee shall be paid in cash, by certified or cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank or credit union, by United States postal money order, or by a money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union.

§1401. Objections to candidacy, contests of elections, contests of certification of recall petition; parties authorized to institute actions

A.(1) A qualified elector may bring an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who qualified as a candidate in a primary election for an office in which the plaintiff is qualified to vote.

(2) A qualified elector may bring an action objecting to the candidacy of a person who is unaffiliated with a recognized political party pursuant to R.S. 18:441(C) who qualified as a candidate in a general election for a party primary office in which the plaintiff is qualified to vote.

§1461. Bribery of voters; penalties

A.(1) Bribery of voters is the giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value to any voter at any ~~general, primary, or special~~ election, or at any convention of a recognized political party, with the intent to influence the voter in the casting of his ballot. The acceptance of, or the offer to accept, directly or indirectly, any money, or anything of apparent present or prospective value, by any such voters under such circumstances shall also constitute bribery of voters.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, January 22, 2024.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 2

SENATE BILL NO. 8

BY SENATOR WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT, WILFORD
CARTER, CHASSION, GREEN, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN,
MOORE, SELDERS, WALTERS, YOUNG AND KNOX

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined (House Bills) and underscoring and **boldfaced** (Senate Bills) are additions.

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1276.1 and to repeal R.S. 18:1276, relative to congressional districts; to provide for the redistricting of Louisiana's congressional districts; to provide with respect to positions and offices, other than congressional, which are based upon congressional districts; to provide for the effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:1276.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1276.1. Congressional districts

Louisiana shall be divided into six congressional districts, and the qualified electors of each district shall elect one representative to the United States House of Representatives. The districts shall be composed as follows:

(1) District 1 is composed of Precincts 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 41, 43 and 69 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125A, 125B, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134, 136, 192, 198, 199, 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, 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, 13-KA, 14-K, 16-K, 17-K, 18-K, 19-K, 20-K, 25-K, 27-K, 28-K, 29-K, 34-K, 35-K and 1-L of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 3-3, 3-6, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 7-4, 8-1, 9-1, 9-2, 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, 10-6, 10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 10-15, 10-16, 11-1, 11-2, 11-3 and 11-5 of Lafourche Parish; Precincts 13A, 13B, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 31, 32 and 38 of Livingston Parish; Precincts 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-11, 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, 5-18, 6-9, 7-41, 7-42, 9-45, 9-45A, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-9, 12-10, 13-5, 13-7, 13-8, 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5, 14-6, 14-7, 14-8, 14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A, 14-20, 14-21, 16-1A, 16-1A, 17-1, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19 and 17-20 of Orleans Parish; Plaquemines Parish; Precincts 32, 33, 34, 41, 42A, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 of St. Bernard Parish; Precincts 1-6, 2-6, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-6 and 6-8 of St. Charles Parish; St. Tammany Parish and Precincts 44, 49, 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73, 74, 120B, 122A, 122B, 122C, 124, 137, 137A, 137B, 137C, 137D, 139, 141, 141A, 143, 143A, 145, 147, 149, 149A and 151 of Tangipahoa Parish.

(2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 6, 7, 9, 11, 17, 20, 23, 24, 28, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 71, 72, 73, 77 and 78 of Ascension Parish; Assumption Parish; Iberville Parish; Precincts 57, 104, 108, 115, 116, 131, 133, 138, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157A, 157B, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179A, 179B, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 193A, 193B, 194A, 194B, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 216C, 217, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238A, 238B, 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, 13-KB, 15-K, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 30-K, 31-K, 33-K, 1-W, 2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W and 7-W of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-1A, 2-3, 2-5, 2-7, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-16, 5-1, 5-1A and 5-3 of Lafourche Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-6, 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 4-2, 4-3, 4-6, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-5, 5-7, 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, 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, 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, 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 8-1, 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, 8-25, 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, 9-13, 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, 9-30A, 9-31, 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-32, 9-33, 9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B, 9-37, 9-38, 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40, 9-40A, 9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-41C, 9-41D, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A, 9-43B, 9-43C, 9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I, 9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M, 9-43N, 9-44, 9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F, 9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L, 9-44M, 9-44N, 9-44O, 9-44P, 9-44Q, 10-3, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 10-11, 10-12, 10-13, 10-14, 11-2, 11-3, 11-12, 11-13, 11-14, 11-17, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-16, 12-17, 12-19, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-6, 13-9, 13-10, 13-11, 13-12, 13-13, 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 14-12, 14-19, 14-23, 14-24A, 14-25, 14-26, 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12A, 15-13, 15-13A, 15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A, 15-14B, 15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E, 15-14F, 15-14G, 15-15, 15-15A, 15-15B, 15-16, 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B, 15-18, 15-18A, 15-18B, 15-18C, 15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F, 15-19, 15-19A, 15-19B, 15-19C, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6, 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, 17-13, 17-13A, 17-14, 17-15 and 17-16 of Orleans Parish; Precincts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 40 and 42 of St. Bernard Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 2-1, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 5-1, 5-3, 5-4, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5 and 7-6 of St. Charles Parish; St. James Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish.

(3) District 3 is composed of Acadia Parish; Precincts 167, 260, 261, 262, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309E, 309W, 310, 311, 312, 313E, 313W, 314, 315E, 315W, 316E, 316W, 317, 318, 319N, 319S, 320E, 320W, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332N, 332S, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 368, 369, 370, 372, 405, 440, 441, 463, 464, 467, 800, 801, 860S, 861E and 861W of Calcasieu Parish; Cameron Parish; Iberia Parish; Jefferson Davis Parish; Precincts 1, 3, 8, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135 and 136 of Lafayette Parish; Precincts 1-1, 2-2, 2-6, 2-8, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 3-1, 3-2, 3-4, 3-5, 3-7, 5-2, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 11-4 of Lafourche Parish; St. Martin Parish; St. Mary Parish; Terrebonne Parish and Vermilion Parish.

(4) District 4 is composed of Allen Parish; Beauregard Parish; Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 2-1, 2-2, 2-4, 2-7, 3-1, 3-8, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-10, 5-10, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4, 8-5, 8-6, 8-7, 8-8, 8-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8, 9-9, 9-10, 9-11, 9-12, 9-13, 10-2, 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9, 11-10, 12-1, 12-3, 12-7, 12-8 and 12-9 of Caddo Parish; Precincts 160E, 160W, 161, 162E, 162W, 163, 164, 165, 166E, 166W, 365, 366, 367, 371N, 371S, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 408, 460E, 460W, 461, 465, 466E, 466W, 468, 469, 560, 561, 562, 600, 601, 602, 603, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 700, 701, 702, 703, 760, 761, 762 and 860N of Calcasieu Parish; Claiborne Parish; Precincts 10, 11, 11B, 11C, 16, 16A, 16B, 16C, 23, 28, 30A, 31A, 34, 34A, 34B, 35, 35A, 35B, 37, 37C, 46, 46A, 48, 49, 49A and 51 of De Soto Parish; Evangeline Parish; Grant Parish; Jackson Parish; Lincoln Parish; Precincts 1, 1A, 2, 4, 25, 32, 33, 38, 41, 43, 44, 44A, 45, 49, 50, 51, 51A, 53, 55, 57, 58, 61, 64, 71, 75, 76 and 77 of Ouachita Parish; Precincts C22, C23, C35, C37-A, C37-B, C41, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S13, S14, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S28 and S29 of Rapides Parish; Red River Parish; Sabine Parish; Union Parish; Vernon Parish; Webster Parish and Winn Parish.

(5) District 5 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 19, 61, 64 and 76 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-3A, 2-1, 2-1A, 2-2, 2-2A, 2-2B, 2-2C, 2-2D, 2-2F, 2-3A, 2-4, 2-4A, 2-5, 2-5E, 2-7, 2-8, 3-1B, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-1A, 5-1B, 6-1A, 6-2, 6-2A, 7-3B and 9-4B of Avoyelles Parish; Caldwell Parish; Catahoula Parish; Concordia Parish; Precincts 1-12, 1-34, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-46, 1-47, 1-49, 1-56, 1-69, 1-74, 1-75, 1-76, 1-79, 1-80, 1-99, 1-105, 1-107, 1-142, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-25, 3-26, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39, 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-51, 3-53, 3-58, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-71, 3-73 and 3-74 of East Baton Rouge Parish; East Carroll Parish; East Feliciana Parish; Franklin Parish; La Salle Parish; Precincts 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 5B, 5D, 6, 6A, 6B, 7, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 11, 11A, 12, 18, 18A, 19, 19A, 20, 21, 21A, 21B, 23, 23A, 23B, 23C, 24, 24B, 24C, 24D, 25, 26, 26A, 26B, 26C, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 39, 39A, 39B, 40, 40A, 41 and 43 of Livingston Parish; Madison Parish; Morehouse Parish; Precincts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 46, 47, 48, 52, 52A, 54, 56, 56A, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65, 65A, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74, 78 and 79 of Ouachita Parish; Richland Parish; St. Helena Parish; Precincts 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 28, 33, 40A, 41, 42, 43, 45A, 45B, 46, 47, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 106A, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111A, 112, 114, 115B, 116, 117, 118, 118A, 119, 120, 120A, 121, 121A, 123, 125, 127, 129A, 133 and 133A of Tangipahoa Parish; Tensas Parish; Washington Parish; West Carroll Parish and West Feliciana Parish.

(6) District 6 is composed of Precincts 3-1, 3-3, 4-2A, 4-2B, 6-1B, 7-1, 7-3, 8-1, 8-2A, 8-2B, 8-3, 8-3A, 9-1A, 9-2, 9-2A, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5B, 10-2, 10-2A, 10-2B, 10-3A, 10-3B, 10-4, 11-1 and 11-2A of Avoyelles Parish; Precincts 2-3, 2-5, 2-6, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-11, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-10, 10-1, 10-3, 10-4, 10-5, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 12-2, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-10 and 12-11 of Caddo Parish; Precincts 1, 4, 5, 5A, 6, 6A, 6B, 9, 21, 22, 22A, 26, 26A, 30, 31, 32, 33, 33A, 38, 38A, 42, 44, 46B, 53, 55, 56, 59, 60, 60A, 63 and 63A of De Soto Parish; 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, 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, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-33, 1-35, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-45, 1-48, 1-50, 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-57, 1-58, 1-59, 1-60, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-77, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-89, 1-90, 1-91, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-96, 1-97, 1-98, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102, 1-103, 1-104, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 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, 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, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-19, 3-20, 3-24, 3-27, 3-28, 3-32, 3-42, 3-44, 3-50, 3-52, 3-54, 3-55, 3-56, 3-57, 3-59, 3-63, 3-69, 3-70, 3-72, 3-75 and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 68, 112, 113, 122 and 129 of Lafayette Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Pointe Coupee Parish; Precincts C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11-A, C11-B, C13, C14, C15, C17, C18, C19, C20, C21, C24, C25, C26, C27, C28, C30, C31, C32, C33, C34, C36, C38-A, C38-B, C39, C40, C42, N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13-A, N13-B, N14-A, N14-B, N15, N16, N17, N18-A, N18-B, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, N28, N29, S1, S2, S4, S5, S6A, S6B, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19 and S20 of Rapides Parish; St. Landry Parish and West Baton Rouge Parish.

Section 2. R.S. 18:1276 is hereby repealed.

Section 3.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file named "2024 Precinct Shapefiles (1-10-2024)" available on the website of the Legislature of Louisiana on the effective date of this Section. 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 Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 10, 2024, to the Legislature of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and 532.1.

(B) When a precinct referenced in this Act 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 R.S. 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be designated.

(C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to

the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the term of office of any person 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.

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.

Approved by the Governor, January 22, 2024.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 3

HOUSE BILL NO. 16
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to the designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the sources specified for the purpose of making supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Reductions are denoted in parentheses.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

04-139 SECRETARY OF STATE

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)
to the Elections Program for expenses related
to Congressional redistricting mailings only
in the event that Senate Bill No. 8 of the
2024 First Extraordinary Session of the
Legislature is enacted into law \$1,401,377

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature 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 by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, January 22, 2024.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State