

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

REAPPORTIONMENT/CONGRESS: Provides relative to the election districts for members of congress (Item #3)

1 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 qualified  
11 electors of each district shall elect one representative to the United States House of  
12 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, 37,
- 15 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 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, 107, 108,
- 18 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133,
- 19 134, 136, 138, 171, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 182, 183, 184, 185A, 185B, 189, 190,
- 20 191, 192, 193, 194A, 194B, 198, 199, 202, 203, 204, 210, 211, 246, 247, 248, 1-G,

1        2-G, 3-G, 4-G, 5-G, 8-G, 1-GI, 1-H, 2-H, 3-H, 4-H, 5-H, 6-H, 7-H, 8-H, 9-H, 1-K,  
2        2-K, 3-K, 4-K, 5-K, 6-K, 7-K, 8-K, 9-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K, 13-KA, 14-K, 15-K,  
3        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  
4        Jefferson Parish; Precincts 4-9, 4-11, 4-14, 4-15, 4-17, 4-17A, 4-18, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22,  
5        4-23, 5-16, 5-17, 5-18, 7-32, 7-37, 7-37A, 7-40, 7-41, 7-42, 8-28, 8-30, 9-32, 9-45,  
6        9-45A, 15-15A, 15-15B, 15-19A, 17-17, 17-18, 17-18A, 17-19 and 17-20 of Orleans  
7        Parish; Plaquemines Parish; St. Bernard Parish; Precincts 3-1, 5-5, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4  
8        and 6-5 of St. Charles Parish; St. Tammany Parish; Precincts 27, 27A, 28, 28A, 33,  
9        40, 40A, 41, 42, 42A, 43, 44, 45, 45A, 46, 47, 48, 49, 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73, 74,  
10       117, 118, 119, 120, 120A, 120B, 121, 121A, 121B, 122, 122A, 123, 124, 125, 127,  
11       127A, 129, 129A, 133, 133A, 137, 137A, 137B, 137C, 137D, 139, 141, 141A, 143,  
12       145, 149, 149A and 151 of Tangipahoa Parish; and Washington Parish.

13                (2) District 2 is composed of Precincts 6, 19, 30, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45,  
14        47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 60 of Ascension Parish; Precincts 1-1,  
15        1-2, 6-2 and 7-1 of Assumption Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-6, 1-10, 1-13, 1-14,  
16        1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29,  
17        1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-50, 1-54, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-77, 1-78, 1-82, 1-84,  
18        1-85, 1-86, 1-92, 1-93, 1-94, 1-100, 1-104, 2-1, 2-16, 2-23, 2-30, 3-5, 3-20 and 3-44  
19        of East Baton Rouge Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13A, 13B, 13C,  
20        14, 14A, 14B, 15, 15B, 16, 17, 17A, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Iberville  
21        Parish; Precincts 104, 115, 116, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157A, 157B, 170,  
22        172, 173, 179A, 179B, 180, 181, 187, 188, 195, 196, 197A, 197B, 197C, 200, 201,  
23        205, 212A, 212B, 213A, 213B, 213C, 214A, 214B, 215, 216A, 216B, 217, 225, 226,  
24        227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232A, 232B, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 6-G, 7-G, 9-G, 10-G,  
25        11-G, 12-G, 13-G, 13-KB, 21-K, 22-K, 23-K, 24-K, 26-K, 30-K, 31-K, 33-K, 1-W,  
26        2-W, 3-W, 4-W, 5-W, 6-W and 7-W of Jefferson Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-5, 1-6,  
27        2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-6, 2-6A, 2-7, 3-1, 3-3, 3-5, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19,  
28        3-20, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-10, 5-11,  
29        5-12, 5-13, 5-15, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8,

1        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,  
2        7-24, 7-25, 7-25A, 7-26, 7-27, 7-27B, 7-28, 7-28A, 7-29, 7-30, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35, 8-1,  
3        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,  
4        8-25, 8-26, 8-27, 9-1, 9-3, 9-3A, 9-4, 9-5, 9-5A, 9-6B, 9-6C, 9-6D, 9-6E, 9-6F, 9-7,  
5        9-8, 9-8A, 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,  
6        9-26, 9-28, 9-28C, 9-28E, 9-29, 9-30, 9-30A, 9-31, 9-31A, 9-31B, 9-31D, 9-33,  
7        9-34A, 9-35, 9-35A, 9-36, 9-36B, 9-37, 9-38, 9-38A, 9-39, 9-39B, 9-40, 9-40A,  
8        9-40C, 9-41, 9-41A, 9-41B, 9-41C, 9-41D, 9-42, 9-42C, 9-43A, 9-43B, 9-43C,  
9        9-43E, 9-43F, 9-43G, 9-43H, 9-43I, 9-43J, 9-43K, 9-43L, 9-43M, 9-43N, 9-44,  
10       9-44A, 9-44B, 9-44D, 9-44E, 9-44F, 9-44G, 9-44I, 9-44J, 9-44L, 9-44M, 9-44N,  
11       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,  
12       11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 11-11, 11-12, 11-13, 11-14, 11-17, 12-1, 12-2,  
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14       12-17, 12-19, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 13-5, 13-6, 13-7, 13-8, 13-9, 13-10, 13-11,  
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16       14-9, 14-10, 14-11, 14-12, 14-13A, 14-14, 14-15, 14-16, 14-17, 14-18A, 14-19,  
17       14-20, 14-21, 14-23, 14-24A, 14-25, 14-26, 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, 15-9,  
18       15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12A, 15-13, 15-13A, 15-13B, 15-14, 15-14A, 15-14B,  
19       15-14C, 15-14D, 15-14E, 15-14F, 15-14G, 15-15, 15-16, 15-17, 15-17A, 15-17B,  
20       15-18, 15-18A, 15-18B, 15-18C, 15-18D, 15-18E, 15-18F, 15-19, 15-19B, 15-19C,  
21       16-1, 16-1A, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6, 16-7, 16-8, 16-9, 17-1, 17-2, 17-3, 17-4,  
22       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  
23       17-16 of Orleans Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 1-6, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 3-2,  
24       3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and  
25       7-4 of St. Charles Parish; St. James Parish; St. John the Baptist Parish; and Precincts  
26       1-1, 3-1A, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3A, 4-3B, 4-4, 4-5, 5-1 and 6-2 of West Baton Rouge Parish.  
27              (3) District 3 is composed of Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,  
28       15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, 43, 58 and 61  
29       of Ascension Parish; Precincts 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 3-1, 3-2, 4-1, 4-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 6-1,

1        7-2, 8-1 and 9-1 of Assumption Parish; Precincts 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-12,  
2        1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-37, 1-38, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-47,  
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4        1-68, 1-69, 1-70, 1-71, 1-72, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-80, 1-81, 1-83, 1-87, 1-88, 1-89,  
5        1-90, 1-91, 1-95, 1-97, 1-98, 1-99, 1-101, 1-102, 1-103, 1-105, 1-107, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4,  
6        2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20,  
7        2-21, 2-22, 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-31, 2-32, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-6, 3-7,  
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11       3-53, 3-54 and 3-55 of East Baton Rouge Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 2-1, 2-2,  
12       2-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 8-1,  
13       8-4, 8-5, 9-1, 10-2, 10-4, 10-5, 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 12-1, 12-2, 12-3 and  
14       12-4 of Iberia Parish; Precincts 4, 5, 6A, 15A, 24, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26A, 27, 28, 29,  
15       30, 31 and 32 of Iberville Parish; Lafourche Parish; Precincts 1-2 and 1-5 of St.  
16       Martin Parish; St. Mary Parish; Terrebonne Parish; and Precincts 2-1A, 2-1B, 2-2,  
17       2-3, 3-1B, 3-2, 6-1, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 7-4 of West Baton Rouge Parish.

18            (4) District 4 is composed of Acadia Parish; Beauregard Parish; Calcasieu  
19       Parish; Cameron Parish; Precincts 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 5-5, 7-5, 8-2, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5,  
20       10-3, 10-6, 10-7, 13-1, 13-2, 13-3, 13-4, 14-1, 14-3 and 14-4 of Iberia Parish;  
21       Jefferson Davis Parish; Lafayette Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-2A, 1-3, 1-3A, 1-4, 1-4A,  
22       1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-15A, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18,  
23       1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25, 1-26, 1-26A, 1-28, 1-28A, 1-29, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4,  
24       2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 4-3, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6,  
25       6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-11, 6-11A, 6-13, 6-14, 6-15, 6-16 and 6-16A of St. Landry  
26       Parish; Precincts 1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 1-7, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-1, 3-1A, 3-1B, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4,  
27       3-4A, 3-5, 3-6, 3-9, 4-1, 4-1A, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-4A, 4-5, 4-6, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 6-1,  
28       6-2, 6-2A, 6-3, 6-3A, 6-3B, 6-4, 7-1, 7-1A, 7-2A, 7-3, 7-4, 7-4A, 8-1, 8-3, 8-4, 8-4A,  
29       9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4 and 9-5 of St. Martin Parish; and Vermilion Parish.

1           (5) District 5 is composed of Allen Parish; Avoyelles Parish; Caldwell  
2           Parish; Catahoula Parish; Concordia Parish; De Soto Parish; East Feliciana Parish;  
3           Evangeline Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 24, 25,  
4           27, 27A and 28A of Franklin Parish; Grant Parish; Jackson Parish; La Salle Parish;  
5           Livingston Parish; Natchitoches Parish; Pointe Coupee Parish; Rapides Parish; Red  
6           River Parish; Sabine Parish; St. Helena Parish; Precincts 1-2, 1-19, 4-2, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6,  
7           4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-10, 4-11, 4-12, 4-12A, 4-13, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6 and 5-8 of  
8           St. Landry Parish; Precincts 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 101, 102, 103, 104, 104A,  
9           105, 106, 106A, 106B, 107, 108, 109, 109A, 110, 111, 111A, 112, 114, 115B and  
10           116 of Tangipahoa Parish; Tensas Parish; Vernon Parish; West Feliciana Parish; and  
11           Winn Parish.

12           (6) District 6 is composed of Bienville Parish; Bossier Parish; Caddo Parish;  
13           Claiborne Parish; East Carroll Parish; Precincts 20, 21, 22, 26, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of  
14           Franklin Parish; Lincoln Parish; Madison Parish; Morehouse Parish; Ouachita  
15           Parish; Richland Parish; Union Parish; Webster Parish; and West Carroll Parish.

16           Section 2.(A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those Voting Districts (VTDs)  
17 contained in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the State of  
18 Louisiana.

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. The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in  
25 effect without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish  
26 governing authority.

27           Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the term of office of any  
28 person holding any position or office on the effective date of this Section, for which the  
29 appointment or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to R.S.

1 18:1276. Any position or office filled after January 3, 2013, for which the appointment or  
2 election is based on a congressional district shall be appointed or elected from a district as  
3 it is described in this Act.

4 Section 4. R.S. 18:1276 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

5 Section 5.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective solely  
6 for the purposes of the election of representatives to the United States Congress at the next  
7 regularly scheduled election for representatives to the congress in 2012, commencing on the  
8 date and at the time that the qualifying period opens for such offices. The effectiveness of  
9 Section 1 of this Act for such purposes shall not reduce the term of office of any member of  
10 the congress elected at the 2010 congressional election or elected to fill a vacancy for the  
11 remainder of a term which began on January 3, 2011, or change the district which any  
12 member of congress represents pursuant to R.S. 18:1276. For subsequent elections of  
13 representatives to the United States Congress and for all other purposes, the provisions of  
14 Section 1 of this Act shall become effective at noon on the third day of January in 2013.

15 (B) The provisions of Section 4 of this Act shall become effective at noon on the  
16 third day of January in 2013.

17 (C) The provisions of this Section and Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become  
18 effective upon signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon  
19 expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided  
20 in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the  
21 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and  
22 Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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#### 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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HB No. 39

**Abstract:** Provides for the redistricting of the state's congressional districts and provides for the composition of each of the six congressional districts. Effective for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2012 and for all purposes on January 3, 2013.

Statistical summaries of the proposed law, including district variances from the ideal population of 755,562 and the range of those variances, 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 U.S. Constitution (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.

Present law divides the state into seven districts for election of Louisiana's representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the six congressional districts, effective for election purposes with the opening of the qualifying period for the 2012 primary election for members of congress.

Proposed law specifies that precincts referenced in district descriptions are those precincts identified as Voting Districts (VTDs) in the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles for the state of La. 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 without change regardless of any changes made to the precincts by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law specifies that the effectiveness of the law for 2012 election purposes does not reduce the term of congressmen elected at the 2010 congressional election or elected to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a term which began on January 3, 2011. Further specifies that the provisions of proposed law shall not reduce the term of office of any person holding any position or office on the effective date of proposed law, for which the appointment or election is based upon a congressional district as composed pursuant to present law. Specifies that any position or office filled after January 3, 2013, for which the appointment or election is based on a congressional district shall be appointed or elected from a district as it is described in proposed law.

Proposed law retains present districts until noon on January 3, 2013, at which time present law is repealed and proposed districts are effective for all purposes.

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 for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2012; effective for all purposes on January 3, 2013.

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