

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 442

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER, MUSCARELLO, AND WILEY

JUDGES: Creates an additional judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(21) and 621.21(A) and (E), relative to the Twenty-First
3 Judicial District Court; to create an additional judgeship for the Twenty-First Judicial
4 District Court; to provide for the election and term of the additional judge; to provide
5 for election sections from which judges are elected; to provide for effectiveness; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:477(21) and 621.21(A) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §477. Judicial districts

11 There shall be forty-one judicial districts in the state and each district shall
12 be composed as follows:

13 * * *

14 (21) The parishes of Tangipahoa, Livingston, and St. Helena shall compose
15 the Twenty-First District. The Twenty-First District consists of two election
16 sections. Election Section 1 is composed of Livingston Parish and Precincts 28, 33,
17 40A, 41, 42, 44, 45A, 45B, 70, 70A, 71, 72, 72A, 73, 74, 106A, 108, 110, 112, 114,
18 116, 117, 118, 118A, 120, 120A, 120B, 121, 121A, 122A, 122B, 122C, 124, 125,
19 127, 133, 133A, 137, 137A, 137B, 137C, 137D, 139, 141, 141A, 143, 143A, 145,
20 147, 149, 149A, and 151 of Tangipahoa Parish. Election Section 2 is composed of

1 St. Helena Parish and Precincts 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 43, 46, 47, 49, 101, 102, 104,
2 105, 106, 107, 109, 111A, 115B, 119, 123, and 129A of Tangipahoa Parish.

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4 §621.21. Twenty-First Judicial District

5 A. The Twenty-First Judicial District Court shall have ~~nine~~ ten judges.

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7 E.(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided by Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the judges
8 and their successors created by this Section shall be elected at large and shall have
9 jurisdiction throughout the district. The judges shall be elected for a six-year term
10 at the congressional election held in 2014 and every sixth year thereafter.

11 (2)(a) The additional judge added to the court in 2024 shall be elected from
12 election section two as provided by R.S. 13:477(21).

13 (b) The individual to be elected to the additional judgeship shall be elected
14 as provided by Article V, Section 22 of the Constitution of Louisiana and shall serve
15 a term which begins on January 1, 2025, and which shall expire at the same time as
16 is provided by law for the other judges of the court. Thereafter, the successors to the
17 judge provided for in this Paragraph shall be elected at the same time and in the same
18 manner and shall serve the same term as is provided by law for other judges of the
19 court.

20 * * *

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
23 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
24 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
25 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 442 Engrossed

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Abstract: Creates an additional judgeship for the 21st Judicial District Court and provides an election section from which the judge is to be elected.

Statistical summaries of proposed law including maps illustrating proposed district boundaries accompany this digest. (*Attached to the bill version on the internet.*)

Present law provides that the 21st Judicial District Court is comprised of Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa Parishes. Provides that the 21st Judicial District Court has nine judges, who are elected at large.

Proposed law adds a 10th judge to the 21st Judicial District Court.

Proposed law divides the 21st Judicial District Court into two election sections and provides that nine judges are assigned to election section one and one judge is assigned to election section two.

Provides that the additional judge added by proposed law shall be elected from election section two and that his initial term begins on Jan. 1, 2025.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:477(21) and 621.21(A) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Provide the specific boundaries of two election sections.
2. Provide an effective date.

Plan Statistics

Plan: HCA 1715 - HB 442 (Carter)

<u>Districts:</u>	<u># of Members</u>	<u>Actual Population</u>	<u>Ideal Population</u>	<u>Absolute Deviation</u>	<u>Relative Deviation</u>
Election Section 1	9	243,542	257,715	-14,173	-5.499%
Election Section 2	1	42,817	28,635	14,182	49.527%
Grand Total:	10	286,359	286,350		
Ideal Population Per Member:		28635			
Number of Districts for Plan Type:		2			
Range of District Populations:		42,817	to	243,542	
Absolute Mean Deviation:		14,178			
Absolute Range:		-14,173	to	14,182	
Absolute Overall Range:		28,355			
Relative Mean Deviation:		27.51%			
Relative Range:		-5.50%	to	49.53%	
Relative Overall Range:		55.03%			

<i>Ideal - Actual:</i>	<i>-9</i>
<i>Remainder:</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Unassigned Population:</i>	<i>0</i>

Total Population

Plan: HCA 1715 - HB 442 (Carter)

	Total Population	Total White	Total Black	Total Asian	Total American Indian	Total Other	Total Hispanic	VAP Total	VAP White	VAP Black	VAP Asian	VAP American Indian	VAP Other	VAP Hispanic Total
Election Section 1	243,542	185,601	36,707	2,979	5,235	13,020	14,821	182,672	143,411	24,647	2,057	3,896	8,661	9,417
	100.000%	76.209%	15.072%	1.223%	2.150%	5.346%	6.086%	100.000%	78.507%	13.492%	1.126%	2.133%	4.741%	5.155%
Election Section 2	42,817	17,117	23,861	231	464	1,144	1,428	32,423	14,031	17,077	170	351	794	962
	100.000%	39.977%	55.728%	0.540%	1.084%	2.672%	3.335%	100.000%	43.275%	52.669%	0.524%	1.083%	2.449%	2.967%
Grand Total	286,359	202,718	60,568	3,210	5,699	14,164	16,249	215,095	157,442	41,724	2,227	4,247	9,455	10,379
	100.000%	70.792%	21.151%	1.121%	1.990%	4.946%	5.674%	100.000%	73.196%	19.398%	1.035%	1.974%	4.396%	4.825%

Voter Registration

Plan: HCA 1715 - HB 442 (Carter)

	Reg Total Dec 2023	Reg White Dec 2023	Reg Black Dec 2023	Reg Other Dec 2023	Reg Dem Total Dec 2023	Reg Rep Total Dec 2023	Reg Other Total Dec 2023
Election Section 1	130,766	112,949	12,794	5,023	28,440	64,951	37,375
	71.585%	86.375%	9.784%	3.841%	21.749%	49.670%	28.582%
Election Section 2	23,185	10,504	12,152	529	12,715	5,693	4,777
	71.508%	45.305%	52.413%	2.282%	54.841%	24.555%	20.604%
Grand Total	153,951	123,453	24,946	5,552	41,155	70,644	42,152

Splits

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	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 Dec 2023	Reg White Dec 2023	Reg Black Dec 2023	Reg Other Dec 2023
Election Section 1																
Livingston	142,282	116,855	12,658	1,697	3,111	7,961	105,141	88,432	8,136	1,099	2,311	5,163	82,405	73,655	5,642	3,108
*Tangipahoa	101,260	68,746	24,049	1,282	2,124	5,059	77,531	54,979	16,511	958	1,585	3,498	48,361	39,294	7,152	1,915
Election Section 1	243,542	185,601	36,707	2,979	5,235	13,020	182,672	143,411	24,647	2,057	3,896	8,661	130,766	112,949	12,794	5,023
	100.000%	76.209%	15.072%	1.223%	2.150%	5.346%	100.000%	78.507%	13.492%	1.126%	2.133%	4.741%	71.585%	86.375%	9.784%	3.841%
Election Section 2																
St. Helena	10,920	4,527	6,031	39	134	189	8,463	3,805	4,371	28	109	150	8,260	3,626	4,492	142
*Tangipahoa	31,897	12,590	17,830	192	330	955	23,960	10,226	12,706	142	242	644	14,925	6,878	7,660	387
Election Section 2	42,817	17,117	23,861	231	464	1,144	32,423	14,031	17,077	170	351	794	23,185	10,504	12,152	529
	100.000%	39.977%	55.728%	0.540%	1.084%	2.672%	100.000%	43.275%	52.669%	0.524%	1.083%	2.449%	71.508%	45.305%	52.413%	2.282%

21st Judicial District Court - Election Sections

