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## **1ST SPECIAL SESSION OF 2024 CONVENES**

BATON ROUGE, La. – The First Extraordinary Session of 2024 convened at 4:00 pm today and included an address by Governor Jeff Landry to a joint gathering of House and Senate members as well as statewide elected officials. Legislators are set to consider redrawing congressional and Supreme Court districts to include additional minority districts for both, as well as closing Louisiana's primary elections.

"The House and Governmental Affairs Committee met this morning to start educating themselves on the task of redrawing maps and they are set to start considering bills tomorrow," said Speaker of the House Phillip DeVillier. "Redistricting is a function of the Legislature and we'll do the work that needs to get done. That way, we can focus on the much larger issues voters sent us to Baton Rouge to tackle," says DeVillier.

"The governor clearly told the Legislature that the people have sent us here to solve problems and that's what we'll do," said Senate President Cameron Henry. "The Senate accepts that task and will be working diligently to redraw new congressional and Supreme Court maps."

All legislative proceedings including committee meetings and chamber debate can be viewed at <a href="www.legis.la.gov">www.legis.la.gov</a>. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislature has a smartphone app (LA LEGE) that combines information from the House and Senate websites into an easy to use format users can access from anywhere.

New to the app this year are daily committee agendas and the ability to search and read bills being considered. The LA LEGE app is available to download free of charge from the Apple or Google Play stores and does not collect any personal information.

Final adjournment for the eight-day special session must come no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.