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OF THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Forty-eighth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, February 10, 2022

The Senate was called to order at 2:25 o'clock P.M. by Hon. Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

PRESENT

Mr. President	Foil	Peacock
Abraham	Harris	Peterson
Allain	Hewitt	Pope
Barrow	Jackson	Price
Bernard	Lambert	Reese
Boudreaux	Luneau	Smith
Bouie	McMath	Stine
Carter	Milligan	Ward
Cathey	Mills, F.	White
Cloud	Mills, R.	Womack
Fesi	Mizell	
Fields	Morris	
Total - 34		

ABSENT

Connick	Hensgens	Tarver
Henry	Talbot	
Total - 5		

The President of the Senate announced there were 34 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Senator Joseph Bouie, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Senator McMath, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of February 9, 2022, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Bills  
and Joint Resolutions**

Senator Luneau asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to introduce and read Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time and refer them to committee.

**SENATE BILL NO. 23—**  
BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3, and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the supreme court; to provide relative to redistricting supreme court justice districts; to provide for the

filling of vacancies; to eliminate statutory provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**Senate Resolutions on  
Second Reading**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—**

BY SENATOR CLOUD

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Chester Braxton.

On motion of Senator Cloud the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Third Reading and Final Passage**

**SENATE BILL NO. 14—**

BY SENATORS CORTEZ AND FOIL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:2.2 and to repeal R.S. 17:2.1, relative to redistricting; to provide for election districts for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for election of members; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Foil moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hewitt	Pope
Abraham	Lambert	Reese
Allain	McMath	Stine
Bernard	Milligan	Talbot
Cathey	Mills, F.	Tarver
Cloud	Mills, R.	Ward
Fesi	Mizell	White
Foil	Morris	Womack
Hensgens	Peacock	
Total - 26		

NAYS

Barrow	Fields	Peterson
Boudreaux	Harris	Price
Bouie	Jackson	Smith
Carter	Luneau	
Total - 11		

ABSENT

Connick	Henry
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Foil moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**Explanation of Vote**

Senator Tarver stated he intended to vote nay on Senate Bill No.14, and asked that the Official Journal so state.

**SENATE BILL NO. 15—**

BY SENATOR HEWITT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3, and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the supreme court; to provide relative to redistricting supreme court justice districts; to provide for the

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filling of vacancies; to eliminate statutory provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Hewitt proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Hewitt to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Hewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 3, after "Vernon Parish;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and Webster Parish."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, delete line 4

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 14, after "West Carroll Parish" delete the remainder of the line and insert "; West Feliciana Parish and Winn Parish."

Senator Hewitt moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Peterson objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Hewitt, Pope. Lists names of members who voted 'yeas'.

NAYS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Fields, Peterson. Lists names of members who voted 'nays'.

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Name, Henry. Lists names of members who were absent.

The Chair declared the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Hewitt proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Hewitt to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Hewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 6, after "St. Helena Parish;" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 7 through 28, and insert "St. Tammany Parish; Tangipahoa Parish and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, delete lines 25 through 29, and insert:

"A. Each justice of the supreme court in office on January 1, 2023, shall be the justice for the district having the same designation as the district from which the justice was elected and shall complete the term for which he was elected.

B. The successor to the office of justice of the supreme court shall be elected from the district assigned to that office as provided by Subsection A of this Section. The election shall be from the district composed as provided by R.S. 13:101.2."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, delete lines 1 through 16

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, delete lines 3 through 10

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, line 11, delete "(B) The provisions of Section 2 of" and insert:

"Section 4. (A) The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, at the beginning of line 13, delete "(C)" and insert "(B)"

On motion of Senator Hewitt the amendments were withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Hewitt, the amended bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 19—

BY SENATORS REESE AND CATHEY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1161.4 and to repeal R.S. 45:1161.5, relative to redistricting; to provide for election districts for the Public Service Commission; to provide for election of commissioners; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Cathey moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Harris, Peterson. Lists names of members who voted 'yeas'.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Name, Henry. Lists names of members who were absent.

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Cathey moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL****PRESENT**

Mr. President	Harris	Peterson
Abraham	Hensgens	Pope
Allain	Hewitt	Price
Barrow	Jackson	Reese
Bernard	Lambert	Smith
Boudreaux	Luneau	Stine
Bouie	McMath	Talbot
Carter	Milligan	Tarver
Cathey	Mills, F.	Ward
Cloud	Mills, R.	White
Fesi	Mizell	Womack
Fields	Morris	
Foil	Peacock	
Total - 37		

**ABSENT**

Connick	Henry
Total - 2	

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Connick 1 Day    Henry 1 Day

**Announcements**

The following committee meetings for February 14, 2022, were announced:

Senate and Gov't Affairs    9:30 A.M.    Hainkel Room

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 2:50 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Monday, February 14, 2022, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

FRAN OGNIBENE  
Journal Clerk

