

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 First Extraordinary Session
February 4, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Lorrienne Lucas, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 1 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 1, which provides relative to the districts for members of the United States Congress.

Representative Wilford Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1.

Mary S. "Susie" Labry, 40128B Emerald Drive, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (225) 235-7879, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.

Jennifer Carignan, 719 South Taylor Street, Covington, LA 70433, (240) 893-9501, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Reverend James VanderWeele, Together Louisiana, 148 Steeplechase Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (420) 219-0858, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Sherie Thomas, 11854 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70815, (225) 362-0433, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Michael Pernick, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, 40 Rector Street, New York, NY 10006, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Representative Magee in the chair.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Janea Jamison, Power Coalition, 4930 Washington Avenue, no city given, (985) 513-1674, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Katie Bernhardt, Louisiana Democratic Party, P.O. Box 52309, Lafayette, LA 70505, (337) 278-8733, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Frankie Robertson, NOLA Maternal Child Health Coalition, P.O. Box 77084, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, (225) 247-7834, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Frankie Robertson, Metromorphosis, 4163 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 663-2198, read a letter on behalf of Mr. Raymond A. Jetson, in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Davante Lewis, LBP, 1004 South 18th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Representative Wilford Carter withdrew his motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1.

Representative Beaulieu offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1 favorably, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 1 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, Lyons, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 8 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.

House Bill No. 2 by Representative Stefanski

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 2, which provides relative to election districts for members of the Public Service Commission.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

House Bill No. 3 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 3, which provides relative to the election districts for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Representative Magee in the chair.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Mary S. "Susie" Labry, 40128B Emerald Drive, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (225) 235-7879, spoke in support of House Bill No. 3.

Preston Castille, member of the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), 3038 Belle Cherie Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 317-3363, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 3.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 favorably, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 3 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, LaCombe, and Lyons voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

General Statements Received Regarding Redistricting

There were 44 statements submitted via email in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski
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Date adopted: March 17, 2022