

## **House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 First Extraordinary Session  
February 9, 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 9:39 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 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:**

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

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

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

*Representative Magee in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 14 by Representative Schexnayder**

On behalf of Representative Schexnayder, Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 14, which provides for the districts for the election of members to the House of Representatives.

Representative Stefanski offered amendments to make changes to districts 29 and 62. Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Wilford Johnson, ANCP, BUM, ACLU, 1002 Parkview Street, Jeanerette, LA 70544, (337) 241-1972, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Shawon Bernard, 5501 Norgate Drive, New Orleans, LA 70127, (504) 231-7113, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Emerson Slain, BVM, 303 Vidalia Drive, Ridgecrest, LA 71334, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Ryan Wilkinson, People's Promise Youth Program, 9700 Catawba Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 286-0376, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Kingson Wills, People's Promise Youth Division, 1142 Waters Edge Circle, Shreveport, LA, (423) 463-1760, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Sabrina Huynh, People's Promise/Caddo Parish, 180 Riverbrooke Drive, Shreveport, LA, (318) 553-1539, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Tammy M. Savoie, DSCC, DCDI, 500 Turquoise Street, New Orleans, LA 70124, (650) 862-7280, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Makaylah Turner, People's Promise Youth Division, 400 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, (770) 369-4974, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Breka Peoples, The Peoples Promise, 9005 Walker Road, Shreveport, LA 71118, (318) 461-0681, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Chris Williams, United Ballot PAC, 113 Alfred Street, Lafayette, LA, (337) 258-0000, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Zoha Ibrahim, The People's Promise Youth Division, 668 Riverscape Drive, Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 828-0189, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Autumn Sommers, The People's Promise Youth Division, 400 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, (662) 364-0397, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Omari Ho-Sang, Black Voters Matter, address illegible, Shreveport, LA 71107, (470) 653-0004, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Michael Bayham, address illegible, Chalmette, LA 70044, (504) 258-4467, spoke in support of House Bill No. 14.

Representative Tammy T. Phelps, House District No. 3, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 14.

Representative Kenny R. Cox, House District No. 23, 209 North Hills Drive, Mansfield, LA 71052, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 14.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 14 with amendments, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 14 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representatives Duplessis, Jenkins, Lyons, and Newell voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 15 by Representative Jenkins**

Representative Jenkins presented House Bill No. 15, which provides for the districts for the election of members to the House of Representatives.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 15. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 15 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 24 in support, and 7 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **General Statements Received Regarding Redistricting**

There was 1 statement submitted via email in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee. A copy of this statement is in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

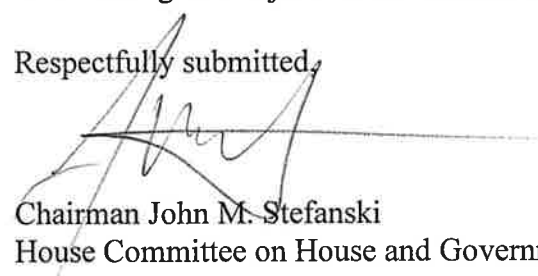
Representative Magee announced that House Bill No. 15 by Representative Jenkins would be scheduled for a committee hearing on February 10, 2022.

#### **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, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman John M. Stefanski  
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: March 17, 2022