

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 First Extraordinary Session  
February 14, 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 10:26 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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

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

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 5, which provides for redistricting of Louisiana congressional districts.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 5. Without objection, action on Senate Bill No. 5 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 12 by Representative Bryant**

Representative Bryant presented House Bill No. 12, which provides relative to the districts for members of the United States Congress.

Representative LaCombe offered amendments to make changes to districts 1 through 6. Representative LaCombe 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, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 12 with amendments, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas, 8 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Ivey, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, and Thomas voted nay. Representative Stefanski abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 22 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 22, which provides for the redistricting of the supreme court.

Representative Ivey offered amendments to:

- (1) Make changes to districts 1 through 7.
- (2) Make proposed law effective January 1, 2023, for all purposes.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

*Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.*

Representative Ivey provided a handout entitled, "Current Justices on the Louisiana Supreme Court", which is labeled Exhibit A and is included in the committee records.

*Representative LaCombe in the chair.*

*Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.*

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 22 with amendments, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 22 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, and Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

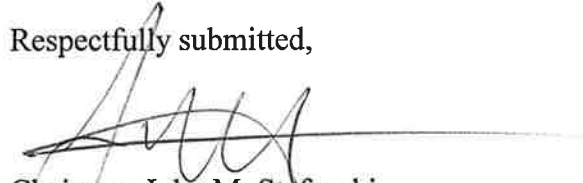
Chairman Stefanski announced that Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Hewitt would be scheduled for a committee hearing on February 15, 2022.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date adopted: March 17, 2022