

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 First Extraordinary Session
February 15, 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 10:07 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 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.
Representative Barry Ivey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Lorriane 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. 19 by Senator Reese**

On behalf of Senator Reese, Senator Cathey presented Senate Bill No. 19, which provides relative to the election districts for members of the Public Service Commission.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 19 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 19 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Cortez

On behalf of Senator Cortez, Senator Foil presented Senate Bill No. 14, which provides relative to the election districts for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to make changes to districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 14 with amendments, to which Representative Jenkins objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 14 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas, 4 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representatives Duplessis, Jenkins, Lyons, and Newell voted nay. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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

House Bill No. 6 by Representative Jefferson

Representative Jefferson presented House Bill No. 6, which provides relative to the election districts for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to report House Bill No. 6 favorably, to which Representative Thomas objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Duplessis, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Mike Johnson, and Thomas voted nay. Representative Stefanski abstained.

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

House Bill No. 20 by Representative Wilford Carter

Representative Wilford Carter presented House Bill No. 20, which provides for the redistricting of the supreme court.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 20. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 20 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

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

The committee recessed at 10:39 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Hewitt

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

Representative Magee in the chair.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Representative Duplessis offered amendments to make changes to districts 1 through 6.

Witness cards submitted for House Committee Amendment No. 116 by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which there was an objection. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Jenkins, Lyons, Newell, and White voted yea. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, Magee, and Thomas voted nay.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 5 favorably, to which Representative Duplessis objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Mike Johnson, 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: 8 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 11 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

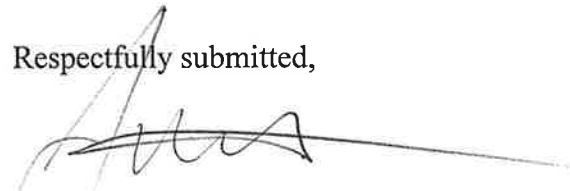
There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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