

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Second Extraordinary Session  
June 17, 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 10:10 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman  
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman  
Representative Les Farnum  
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry  
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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV  
Representative Malinda B. White

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

Bryan D. Vincent, division director  
Annie Smith, attorney  
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

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

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 2 by Representative Schexnayder**

Representative Schexnayder presented House Bill No. 2, which provides relative to the districts for elected members of the United States Congress.

Representative Thomas provided a handout, "Comparison of Congress HBs 6 16 22", which is in the committee records and labeled Exhibit A.

Mitchell Marmande, Delta Coast Consultants, 351 Tigerlily Drive, Houma, LA 70360, (985) 655-3100, spoke in support of House Bill No. 2.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 2. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 2 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 3 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: 20 in support, and 1 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 1 by Representative Duplessis**

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

Representative Thomas submitted Exhibit A relative to House Bill No. 1.

Jared Evans, Legal Defense Fund, 192 Riverside Lane, Bermuda, LA 71456, (318) 652-2203, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

*Representative Magee in the chair.*

*Chairman Stefanski in the chair.*

*Representative LaCombe in the chair.*

*Chairman Stefanski in the chair.*

Cynthia Young, Ripe for Victory, P.O. Box 41204, Baton Rouge, LA 70835, (225) 475-4666, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Terry Landry, Jr., SPLC Action Fund, 201 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA, (225) 772-4583, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Lady Carlson, Together LA, 2019 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 880-7373, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Representative Tammy T. Phelps, House District No. 3, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Checo Yancy, VOTE, 251 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

*Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.*

Davante Lewis, Louisiana Budget Project, 119 Jefferson Highway, Suite 1-D, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 619-2647, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

Edgar Cage, Together LA, 2019 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70805, (225) 274-5808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1.

*Chairman Stefanski in the chair.*

Rick Allen, city of Leesville, 1597 Pitkin Road, Leesville, LA, (337) 789-8361, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1.

J. Frankie Hyers, Jefferson Parish, Senate District 9, 509 Houma Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70001, (504) 616- 3073, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 1.

Patrick Miller, 708 Maple Court, Madisonville, LA 70447, (985) 635-1540, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Representative Julie Emerson, House District No. 39, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Representative Mark Wright, House District No. 77, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Representative Robert "Bob" Owen, House District No. 76, (985) 639-0400, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

Chris Canulette, St. Tammany, 109 Stratford Drive, Slidell, LA, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1.

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

Representative Ivey offered amendments to provide that if the congressional plan enacted by Act No. 5 of the 2022 1st Extraordinary Session is ruled not to be in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, House Bill No. 1 would cease to be effective and Act No. 5 of the 2022 1st Extraordinary Session would become effective; and to provide that the bill shall not reduce the term of a representative of the United States Congress. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Wilford Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter and Newell voted nay.

Paul Hurd, no address provided, (318) 323-3838, spoke for information only on the amendment.

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1 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 and 8 nays. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, and Newell voted yea. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Mike Johnson, Magee, and Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, and 5 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: 15 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 3 by Representative Ivey**

House Bill No. 3 provides relative to the districts for elected members of the United States Congress.

Representative Thomas submitted Exhibit A relative to House Bill No. 3.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 3. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 3 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 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: 1 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

*Representative Magee in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 4 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 4, which provides relative to the districts for elected members of the United States Congress.

Representative Thomas submitted Exhibit A relative to House Bill No. 4.

*Chairman Stefanski in the chair.*

Representative Ivey provided handouts, which are in the committee records and labeled Exhibit B and Exhibit C.

Amber Thomas, Republican Black Voters, 7134 Chablis Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 588-0971, spoke in support of House Bill No. 4.

*Representative Mike Johnson in the chair.*

*Chairman Stefanski in the chair.*

Representative Ivey offered a motion to report House Bill No. 4 favorably, to which Representative Horton objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Duplessis, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, and Newell voted yea. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Mike Johnson, Magee, and Thomas voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 1 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: 3 for information only. Copies of these statements 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**

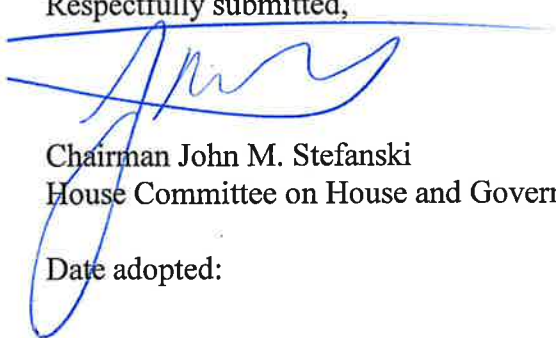
There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Date adopted: