

LWVLA Redistricting Bills/Instruments, 2024 Legislative Session (updated 3/19/2024)

Committee	Bill Number	Author, Party & District	Summary	LWVLA Position
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 28	Michael Melerine (R-Caddo)	JUDGES/SUPREME COURT: (Constitutional Amendment) Increases the number of associate supreme court justices (OR +\$1,145,641 GF EX See Note)	<p>NO POSTION</p> <p>But consistent with its call for two majority-minority seats on a seven-justice court, LWVLA would likely call for three majority-minority seats on a nine-justice court.</p> <p><i>Recommended reading:</i> https://lwvofla.org/CBS_FILES/IMG/Redistricting_Jan_22.pdf</p>
House & Governmental Affairs	HB176	Michael Melerine (R-Caddo)	REAPPORTIONMENT/JUDGES: Provides for nine election districts for the election of the justices of the supreme court	<p>NO POSITION</p> <p>But consistent with its call for two majority-minority seats on a seven-justice court, LWVLA would likely call for three majority-minority seats on a nine-justice court.</p> <p><i>Recommended reading:</i> https://lwvofla.org/CBS_FILES/IMG/Redistricting_Jan_22.pdf</p>
Senate Judiciary A	SB178	Alan Seabaugh (R-Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn)	<p>COURTS: Constitutional amendment to provide for statewide districts and election of the chief justice for the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))</p> <p><i>Recommended reading:</i> https://www.nonprofitvote.org/the-bias-of-at-large-elections-how-it-works/ https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/At-Large-Voting-Frequently-Asked-Questions-1.pdf</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p>Statewide districts, like at-large districts for local and municipal offices, have been shown to discourage competition and turnout, as it is more difficult and more expensive to campaign across the entire state. Statewide districts for justices, like at-large elections at lower levels of government particularly risk diluting the voices of communities of color in ways that violate the VRA. Districts offer the possibility to draw districts in ways that ensure fair representation in ways that at-large</p>

				and statewide systems do not.
Senate & Governmental Affairs	SB 193	Thomas Pressly	COURTS: Provides for the redistricting of the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA5s4) (gov sig) Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the seven supreme court districts and assigns each justice in office to a district.	NO POSITION
Senate & Governmental Affairs	SB 255	Cleo Fields	COURTS: Provides relative to the districts of the supreme court. (gov sig) Proposed law states that the purpose and intent of proposed law is to statutorily effectuate and implement a settlement reached between all parties in the matter entitled Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State of Louisiana, et al., Case 3:19-479, in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the seven supreme court districts and assigns each justice in office to a district.	SUPPORT LWV of Louisiana has called for two of the seven seats on the Supreme Court to be majority-minority districts. This bill advances toward that goal. <i>Recommended reading:</i> https://lwvofla.org/CBS_FILES/IMG/Redistricting_Jan_22.pdf
Senate & Governmental Affairs	SB 381	Gregory A. Miller	COURTS: Provides for the redistricting of the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA5s4) (gov sig) Proposed law redraws district boundaries for the seven supreme court districts and assigns each justice in office to a district.	NO POSITION