

ORDINANCE NO. 032-94

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL SETTING AN ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE ELECTORATE OF LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA, VOTE ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER ADOPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY AND PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, IN 1992.

WHEREAS, the people of the City and Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1992, did adopt a Home Rule Charter for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government; and

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government was submitted to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 18, 1993, the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, notified the Parish and the City of Lafayette that it had precleared the consolidated government Home Rule Charter, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and did not interpose any objection to the consolidation of the City and the Parish, as well as all other provisions of the proposed Home Rule Charter, with the exception that it objected to the districting plan as contained in the proposed City-Parish Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Charter for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as contained in Section 8-11, the Lafayette City-Parish Charter Commission reconvened on or about December 14, 1993, for the purpose of drafting and proposing amendments to the Charter to the electors of Lafayette Parish in order to satisfy the objection of the United States Department of Justice to the councilmanic districts; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Charter Commission unanimously voted to recommend that three (3) precincts (precincts 14, 15 and 18) be split in order to obtain the required minority majority districts and which splitting of precincts would be identical to the splitting of precincts which has previously been accomplished by the Lafayette Parish School Board and which has now been precleared by the

United States Department of Justice and which splitting of precincts was presented by Plan R-3B shown on Map 4 as proposed by the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City-Parish Charter Commission further unanimously recommended that the Lafayette Parish Council adopt an Ordinance to split these precincts and that once these split precincts were approved and adopted by Ordinance, that the Parish Council then call an election such that this proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government could be voted on by the electorate at an election date to be set by the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Council agreed to and accepted the recommendations of the Lafayette City-Parish Charter Commission as expressed in a special meeting on December 14, 1993, and has introduced an Ordinance to split Precinct 14 into Precinct 14A and Precinct 14B, to split Precinct 15 into Precinct 15A and Precinct 15B, and to split Precinct 18 into Precinct 18A and Precinct 18B as recommended, and as said Precincts 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 18A and 18B would be identical to those reflected in the Lafayette Parish School Board Reapportionment Plan, Plan R-3B as shown on Map 4, of December, 1992, prepared by the Lafayette Areawide Planning Commission, and as each such Precinct is described therein in terms of configuration, boundary, and location, all as is reflected in said Plan with the maps attached thereto, as well as all the said demographic information pertaining thereto, all of which is incorporated herein by reference thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the Lafayette Parish Council to call an election to seek the required approval by the electors of the change proposed by the Lafayette City-Parish Charter Commission and which change will be accomplished by the splitting of Precincts 14, 15 and 18 into Precincts 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 18A and 18B, such that the amendments to the Charter shall become effective only if approved by the majority of those voting on the charter residing in the City of Lafayette in the same fashion that the original Home Rule Charter for the

Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government was voted upon and approved in 1992; and accordingly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette Parish Council:

SECTION 1: An election is called by the Lafayette Parish Council, which election is to be held on October 1, 1994.

SECTION 2: In that election, the proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter for the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government shall be proposed to the electorate and shall become effective only if approved by a majority of those voting on the proposed Amendment to the Charter, residing in Lafayette Parish, and approved by a majority of those voting on the Charter residing in the City of Lafayette.

SECTION 3: The ballot form for the referendum on the proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter for Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government shall be:

"Shall the Home Rule Charter and plan of government for the Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government adopted in 1992 be amended such that **Section 8-01. Council Districts**, shall hereinafter read as follows:

Section 8-01. Council Districts

Council districts for the election of council members elected under this charter shall be as follows until such time as they are changed by reapportionment.

- District 1: Precincts 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 25, 26, and 27
- District 2: Precincts 14B, 15A, 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16, 55 and 59
- District 3: Precincts 14A, 18A, 19, 22, 23, 24, 50, 51, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, and 74
- District 4: Precincts 15B, 18B, 17, 20, 21, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, and 63
- District 5: Precincts 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37
- District 6: Precincts 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 69, and 70
- District 7: Precincts 73, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, and 97
- District 8: Precincts 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86
- District 9: Precincts 95, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106

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FOR THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8-01. COUNCIL DISTRICTS.
TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8-01. COUNCIL
DISTRICTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR LAFAYETTE PARISH
CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective upon compliance with
all applicable provisions of local, federal and state law.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote and the results are as
follows:

YEAS: Guidry, Broussard, Benjamin, Roy, Comeaux, Schouest, Michot

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

And this ordinance was declared adopted on the 28th day of April, 1994.

/s/ LLOYD C. ROCHON
LLOYD C. ROCHON
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION

I, Lloyd C. Rochon, Clerk of the Council of Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 032-94
adopted by the Parish Council of Lafayette Parish in regular session on April 28,
1994, at which time a quorum was present.

/s/ LLOYD C. ROCHON
LLOYD C. ROCHON
Clerk of the Council
Lafayette Parish Council