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**RESOLUTION NO. R-015-2019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL DIRECTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT AN OPINION FROM THE LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE PERMISSIBILITY OF REAPPORTIONING THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICTS SPECIFIED IN THE AMENDED HOME RULE CHARTER ADOPTED BY THE VOTERS OF LAFAYETTE PARISH ON DECEMBER 8, 2018 BY ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City-Parish Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City-Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. O-121-2018, which proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter, including but not limited to an amendment creating a new Lafayette Parish Council and a new Lafayette City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, along with all other proposed amendments, the descriptions of the newly-created Lafayette Parish Council districts and Lafayette City Council districts were attached to and made a part of Ordinance No. O-121-2018; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 2018, the voters of Lafayette Parish ratified the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, including the amendment abolishing the Lafayette City-Parish Council and creating the Lafayette Parish Council and the Lafayette City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the descriptions of the newly-created Lafayette Parish Council districts and Lafayette City Council districts in the amended Home Rule Charter ratified by the voters on December 8, 2018 contained certain discrepancies, errors and omissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City-Parish Council, pursuant to and in accordance with state law and the Home Rule Charter, wishes to reapportion the Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council districts with new territorial limits and boundaries and to designate said Council Districts in accordance with its reapportionment plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City-Parish Council desires that its Legal Department solicit an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General on whether the reapportionment of the Lafayette City Council districts and the Lafayette Parish Council districts may be accomplished by ordinance or whether the reapportionment must be submitted to the electors of Lafayette Parish, and other related issues pertinent thereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City-Parish Council that:

**SECTION 1:** the “Whereas” provisions in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby adopted as part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2:** The Lafayette City-Parish Council hereby directs the Legal Department to solicit an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General on whether the reapportionment of the

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Lafayette City Council districts and the Lafayette Parish Council districts may be accomplished by ordinance or whether the reapportionment must be submitted to the electors of Lafayette Parish, and other related issues pertinent thereto.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the results were as follows:

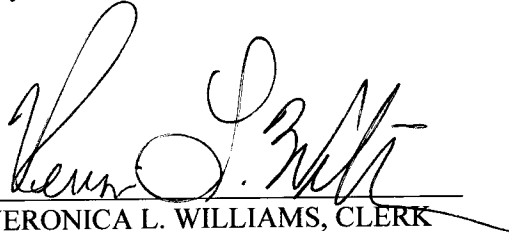
YEAS: Lewis, Bellard, Cook, Theriot

NAYS: Naquin, Castille, Boudreaux, Conque, Hebert

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution FAILED on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



VERONICA L. WILLIAMS, CLERK  
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL

LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

- 1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council directing the Legal Department to solicit and opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General on the permissibility of reapportioning the Lafayette City Council districts and the Lafayette Parish Council districts specified in the amended Home Rule Charter adopted by the voters of Lafayette Parish on December 8, 2018 by ordinance of the Lafayette City-Parish Council
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- 2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of Resolution
- 3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL:**  
A) FINAL ADOPTION: 03-12-2019
- 4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**  
A) Resolution  
B) Submittal Form
- 5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**  
                     Fiscal Impact (Explain)  
  X                   No Fiscal Impact

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