



A GUIDE TO MAPMAKING

Redistricting endgame still unclear

U.S. District Judge **Shelly Dick** has ordered the Legislature to draw a new congressional map by June 20 that includes a second majority-Black district.

Gov. **John Bel Edwards** has called a special session that begins tomorrow at noon to help lawmakers meet that deadline, but now the legislative leadership is looking for an extension.

President **Page Cortez** and Speaker **Clay Schexnayder** will appear in Dick's courtroom Thursday to ask that the deadline be pushed to June 30 or later. We'll see how the judge responds to such a request.

Up until this development, there were a number of rumors floating around about what lawmakers might do during the special session.

Several senators, for example, seem to be lining up behind a plan that would create a new district with a nearly even GOP-Democrat split in the northeastern portion of the state.

Some conservatives in the House, meanwhile, want to *sine die* as soon as possible — and hope the courts will eventually back the original

map that was passed. (Arguments are scheduled for next month; find more in "POLITICAL CHATTER" below.)

With a Thursday meeting set with Judge Dick, however, the last thing lawmakers will want to do on day one is nothing. That would give Dick the opportunity to ask legislative leaders why they want an extension so badly when the first day produced so very little.

From within the ranks of the Legislature, many want to get to work right away, like Sen. **Cleo Fields** and Rep. **Royce Duplessis**, who have filed the first two bills of the special session. They are companion bills.

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RECORD-BREAKING

*Coushatta Tribe's quarterly contribution,
community investments hit all-time high*

The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and the Coushatta Casino Resort will deliver their largest quarterly contribution to date as part of the tribe's continued commitment to community support grants that support economic development across the region. Since beginning the grant program at the turn of the century, the Tribe and Casino have given more than \$80 million to local government entities.

"We are extremely proud not only of the economic development, well paying jobs, and cultural preservation we do as a tribe, but that our hard work can contribute financially to the people of Allen Parish," said Coushatta Tribal Chairman **Jonathan Cernek**. "This payment represents the largest since the year 2000 and it's a great honor to partner with our neighbors to make life better for everyone."

Local officials say Kinder's share of the grants will make the community safer with much needed Police Department equipment upgrades. Oakdale will use their funds to repair parks and recreation sites and for Fire Department improvements, including replacing hydrants, bunker gear and a new pumper truck.

"In Koasati, our language, we say 'IT-TIL-LOK-KOO-HI-LI-TO' which means 'We stood together.' During the most turbulent times in our Tribe's history that was a reference to our alliance with other native people. Today, we are proud to say we stand with the people of Allen Parish, together," said Chairman Cernek.

POLITICAL CHATTER

- **PARTY SWITCHES:** Rep. **Malinda White** has switched from Independent to Republican, bringing the GOP number in the lower chamber to 69. Just a year ago, White switched from Democrat to Independent. She said in an interview this morning that she used that time as an Independent to make sure she wanted to be a Republican. "It's something folks have been asking me to do for a long time," said White, who plans to run for Washington Parish president next year.
- **GETTING TO 70:** With Rep. White's switch, the GOP is just one vote shy of a super majority in the House. Rep. **Roy Daryl Adams**, another Independent, could be next. Asked if he has considered switching to Republican, Adams told *The Tracker*, "Yes, but I haven't done anything about it yet." Adams added that his timeline for making a decision is linked to the finalization of the new state House map.
- **SEE YOU IN COURT:** Via PAR's **@MelindaDeslatte**: "Federal appeals court sets arguments over the congressional map for July 8..."
- **THE BELTON BEAT:** District Attorney **John Belton** addressed the Baton Rouge Press Club earlier this week — for the first time as a candidate for attorney general. Links to coverage can be found below in "HEADLINES & BYLINES," but subscribers to www.LaPoliticsWeekly.com heard some of the talking points first in last week's *LaPolitics* Q&A. [Subscribe](#) today to stay ahead of the next story!

- **NEW CONSERVATIVE SITE:** Conservative author and blogger **Scott McKay** has a new book coming out soon called "The Revivalist Manifesto" and a new politics website to go with it called www.RVIVR.com. McKay calls it "a clearinghouse for Revivalist conservatism." The site will feature news and video aggregation plus original content and some podcasts. Asked to explain Revivalist conservatism, he said it was conservatism on the offense. "It tracks a bit with the MAGA style, but **Ron DeSantis** is a better standard than **Donald Trump** to illustrate what it looks like," said McKay. "Revivalism is colorblind but anti-woke, capitalist but anti-corporate and pro- liberty but not libertine."
- **MEETINGS:** The CPRA meets Wednesday at 9:30 am ([Agenda](#))... The Gaming Control Board meets Thursday at 10 am... So does the Bond Commission ([Agenda](#))...
- **WEDNESDAY EVENTS:** Sen. **Gary Carter** has a 4 pm fundraiser at Pelican State Partners... Rep. **Alan Seabaugh** has a 5 pm fundraiser at the LRA House (RSVP: bford@lra.org)...
- **THURSDAY EVENTS:** Lt. Gov. **Billy Nungesser** has a luncheon fundraiser at 1 pm at the LRA House (RSVP: AllieLee@NungesserConsulting.com)... Rep. **Jeremy LaCombe** has a fundraiser at 5 pm hosted by the Beer Industry League and Louisiana Lobbying Solutions at the Beer League...
- **FRIDAY EVENT:** Attorney General **Jeff Landry** has a 6 pm fundraiser hosted by **Shane Tubre** and **John Austin** in Baton Rouge at 21828 Turkey Creek Drive...
- **CLOSED:** All state offices will be closed Friday in observance of Juneteenth — for the first time thanks to a new law from Rep. **Larry Selders**.

HEADLINES & BYLINES

- Advertiser: Louisiana House speaker, Senate president ask judge for more time to draw congressional map
- Gambit: **Clancy DuBos**: Da Winnas, Da Loozas & Da Stalemated

- Illuminator: Clutch or not so much: Rating the 2022 Legislature standouts
- Center Square: Double whammy: Louisiana shrimpers face high diesel prices, cheap imports
- WVLA: Senator **Bill Cassidy** helps strike gun reform deal
- The Advocate: Our Views: A hunter, Louisiana's governor speaks out for responsible new gun policies
- Business Report: Louisiana pension system ranks in middle of the pack nationally
- The Advocate: For DA pushing charges in **Ronald Greene** case, humble roots guide the way; 'Do the right thing'

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Our History (Circa 1982)

Selling an Economic Plan

In 1982, when the White House was pushing an ambitious economic plan to the American people, **David Stockman** made an appearance in Baton Rouge to make a pitch in person.

That name may not ring a bell now, but back in the early 1980s, most folks knew Stockman as the director of the Office of Management and Budget for President **Ronald Reagan**. For a while, Stockman became the face of the White House's economic efforts.

That much became clear when Stockman stopped in Baton Rouge to address something called the Free Enterprise Week Banquet. He also met with reporters in a local hotel as protestors outside made their opposition known — loudly, but peacefully.

Our friends at the State Archives found some coverage of that appearance, in which Stockman explained the pillars of Reagan's economic plan, including reducing government, cutting taxes and controlling inflation.

At the time, Stockman was on shaky ground in the White House. In an *Atlantic Monthly* interview, Stockman had described supply-side economics (a Reagan policy cornerstone) as a "Trojan horse" for the rich.

Writing later in his book, "The Triumph of Politics: Why the Reagan Revolution Failed," Stockman recalled that it was White House Chief of Staff **James Baker** who brought down the hammer.

Here's how the confrontation went down, according to UPI:

Baker called him into his White House office and told him in no uncertain terms that Reagan's inner circle wanted him fired.

"If it weren't for me,' he continued, 'you'd be a goner already. But I got you one last chance to save yourself. So you're going to do it exactly like I tell you. Otherwise, you're finished around here,'" Stockman writes.

"You're going to have lunch with the president. The menu is humble pie. You're going to eat every last ... spoonful of it. ... When you go through the Oval Office door, I want to see that sorry ass of yours dragging on the carpet."

Stockman writes, 'Baker wasn't behind it. The hangmen were the others -- especially Deaver. That was how they operated. Reality happened once a day on the evening news. They were now going to kill last night's bad story.'

Stockman did have lunch with Reagan, who with moist eyes asked, 'Dave, how do you explain this? You have hurt me. Why?'

Stockman said he related to Reagan his boyhood and his political growth and told the president he was sorry for hurting him. Upon emerging from the lunch, Stockman told reporters he had been taken 'to the woodshed' -- a reference to punishment meted out during his youth on his parents' Michigan farm.

He said the episode taught him to caution against 'intellectual hubris. ... the false belief that in a capitalist democracy we can peer deep into the veil of the future and chain the ship of state to an exacting blueprint. It can't be done. It shouldn't have been tried.'

WATCH THE VIDEO

This history feature was made possible by the office of Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN LW

Here's a summary of some of the stories from the latest issue of [LaPolitics Weekly](#):

- **MUDDY WATERS:** Parallel inquiries into State Police activities on the legislative and federal levels helped drive the politics of the Capitol this past spring. When that wasn't occupying attention spans, our elected officials in Baton Rouge were either positioning on litigation related to the recent redistricting process or playing angles on the threat of yet another veto override session. Now, and rather suddenly, these same issues are on a summertime collision course...
- **BELTON Q&A:** "We began our campaign after **Jeff Landry** assured us that he's running for another office," said District Attorney John Belton in last week's *LaPolitics* Q&A...
- **THE SENATE IS EVOLVING:** When lawmakers are sworn into office in 2024, roughly 30 percent or more of the state Senate will have new faces, as compared to start of the current term. Moreover, that figure may continue to climb...
- **ONE MORE FOR GOVERNOR:** Citing a desire to make Louisiana safer, a Lafayette man who headed up the U.S. Marshals Service and served as the Western District's first African-American U.S. attorney is now considering a run for governor in 2023...
- **MAKING IT OFFICIAL:** As first reported in *LW* in May, Rep. **Scott McKnight** made his campaign for treasurer official last week. Most notably, he has a crackerjack finance team that includes **Boysie**

Bollinger of New Orleans, **Scott Ballard** of Covington, **Russell Mosely** of Baton Rouge, **Beth and Ross LeBlanc** of Lafayette, **Gray Stream** of Lake Charles and **Mike Busada** of Shreveport...

- **HISTORY:** This fall marks the 210th anniversary (Sept. 21, 1812) of **Nicolas Girod** becoming the fifth mayor of New Orleans, although technically he was the first elected mayor of the city...
- **THEY SAID IT:** "In my state, the price of gas is so high that it would be cheaper to buy cocaine and just run everywhere." —*U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, on Fox*

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SOCIALLY YOURS

ANNIVERSARIES & WEDDING BELLS

Sheila Mills and Sen. **Robert Mills** will celebrate another year together on Monday... On Thursday, **Lyn Petitjean** and Acadia Assessor **James J. Petitjean** will toast to year 38... **Mary-Patricia Wray** and **Ira Wray** will be celebrating 14 years of marriage... **Ellen Davis** and **Charlie Davis** are celebrating another year together as well... Former Rep. **Simone Champagne** and **Gery Champagne** have 51 years to cheer..

PITTER PATTER

Rep. **Stephanie Hilferty** delivered this morning and welcomed a new baby girl to the world...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TRACKERS!

- Tuesday, June 14: Sen. **Regina Barrow**, District Attorney **Chuck West**, former Congressman **Billy Tauzin**, **Ronnie Johnson** and **Berry Burnside Balfour**

- Wednesday, June 15: **Kerry St. Pe'**
- Thursday, June 16: **Cheyenne Nicole Procell**
- Friday, June 17: Rep. **Edmond Jordan**, former Sen. **Conrad Appel**, former Rep. **Scott Simon**, **Kim Captain**, **Jeremy Hidalgo**, **Kenneth Wm. Smith**, **Laurie Scott**, **Michael Vicker**, **Lori LeBlanc** and **Katherine Fremin Carver**
- Saturday, June 18: Sen. **Jimmy Harris**, **Greg Buisson** and **Mike Thompson**
- Sunday, June 19: **Will DuBos** and **Travis Cummings**
- Monday, June 20: Sen. **Patrick McMath**, **Arthur Dupre**, **Mark Armstrong** and **Matt Kennedy**

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