Jefferson Representation Boosted by Redistricting

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Among the parishes along the lower Mississippi river between Baton Rouge and the Gulf of Mexico, other than Orleans, rapidly growing Jefferson has gained legislative representation as a result of reapportionment, while the others have lost.

Jefferson, which had a 1960 census population of 208,769, has been given additional representation in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Ascension (27,927) has retained the single representative which it already had in the House; St. Bernard (32,186) and Plaquemines (22,545), instead of having one House member each will now share two; and St. James (18,369) St. John the Baptist (18,439), and St. Charles (21,219), will give up their single House members and elect two among them instead.

All six of the parishes will be provided less representation in the Senate than they have had.

In the Senate, Jefferson, excluding three West Bank Wards, has been designated as the 18th District with two senators. Until now it has been a part of District 10 along with St. Charles and St. John the Baptist, assigned a single senator.

The incumbent in District 10 is Sen. Jules G. Mollere, a resident of Metairie, who is running for reelection from the new District 18.

Mollere, however, is not the only current member of the Legislature who is seeking one of the two Senate seats. Jefferson Parish Rep. John G. Schweigmann is giving up his House job to run for one of

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There is a three-man race for the two seats.

The new Senate District 26 is comprised of the present District 1, comprising St. Bernard and Plaquemines, plus the Second and Third Wards on the east bank of Jefferson. Dr. Charles from District 36. The present Senate from District 1, James St. John of Chalmette and St. Charles from District 36. The Senate seat from District 1, Lawrence E. Battle of Cov- e, is a candidate for re-election.

Democratic nominees for the Senate in Plaquemines Parish and for the House in St. Charles, John St. John and St. James will have no opposition in the primary election. On Nov. 4, a runoff election is scheduled for the Democratic candidates for the Senate in the only Republican held seat in the state with nine candidates running unopposed in all seats.

The list of candidates for the Senate from the lower house candidates is as follows:

37TH SENATE DISTRICT (JEFFERSON) (Two to be Elected)

Jessie J. Chaisson, Collier dr., Luling.
Ralph Roland, Collier dr., Luling.
Leonard L. Herring, Collier dr., Luling.

38TH SENATE DISTRICT (JEFFERSON)

Roy F. Cook, 145 Hibiscus pl., Harahan.
Thelma M. McFerlin, 7300 Jefferson hwy., Harahan.
Harry G. LeBlanc Jr., 9825 Debra dr., Jefferson Parish.

39TH SENATE DISTRICT (JEFFERSON)

Charles J. Beckendorf, Amite.
Norman W. Reisig Jr., 4104 Haring rd., Metairie.
Roy F. Cook, 145 Hibiscus pl., Harahan.

DISTRICT (JEFFERSON)


DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS:

Jefferson Parish, 100; St. James Parish, 98; St. John the Baptist Parish, 98; St. Charles Parish, 98; St. Bernard Parish, 98; Plaquemines Parish, 98.

The Democratic field for the Senate is as follows:

Franklin R. Rodriguez, 9929 dr., Norco.
Emery L. Villar, P. O. Box Elm pl., Jefferson Parish.
Ralph R. Miller, 626 Spruce 787, Gonzales.
Keith W. Hash, 680 Green ave., Metairie.
Phillip A. Parer, 218 Spruce rd., Metairie.
P. Emile Poche, Route I, Box 517, Gonzales.
Frank J. Senet, L. Matti, Elm pl., Metairie.
Roy E. Stewart Jr., Route I, Box 517, Jefferson Parish.
Joseph E. Wigginton, 939 Garden dr., St. Amant.

district (Ascension) (Two to be Elected)

Conard A. Hamilton Jr., 320 Opelousas st., Opelousas.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS:

Ascension Parish, 100; St. James Parish, 98.

The Republican field for the Senate is as follows:

Henry L. Ivalo, P. O. Box 18, Gonzales.
Alvin J. Wall, Blt. 1, U. S. Army.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS:

St. James Parish, 100; Ascension Parish, 98.