La. Remap Legislative Live Issue

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Congressional reapportionment now is a live issue before the legislature.

A bill to realign Louisiana's eight congressional districts in line with a recent supreme court ruling was introduced Wednesday by a three-fourths vote of the House.

Rep. John Hainkel of New Orleans, the sponsor, described it as an equitable bill which attempts to disturb the present districts as little as possible.

He said reapportionment is necessary at this session or at a special session if the state wants to avoid at-large congressional elections next year.

The U.S. Supreme Court held recently that congressional districts must be nearly equal in population.