Acadia became Louisiana's 123rd parish on October 11, 1866, by official proclamation of B.D. MeHerry, governor of Louisiana. The decision to carve out the new parish set off St. Landry had been made by the state legislature in the previous session held October 6, 1866.

Some five months later, on March 1, 1867, the new parish went into effect. The first election was held on March 1, 1867, for the officers of the parish, including the sheriff, clerk of court, and justice of the peace. The first election was held on March 1, 1867, for the officers of the parish, including the sheriff, clerk of court, and justice of the peace. The first election was held on March 1, 1867, for the officers of the parish, including the sheriff, clerk of court, and justice of the peace. The first election was held on March 1, 1867, for the officers of the parish, including the sheriff, clerk of court, and justice of the peace.

Other parish offices were elected at the March 1, 1867, election. They were Edward L. Minor, sheriff; J.B. Clark, clerk of court; John Crawford, supervisor; and J.T. Clark, constable. The first board of supervisors was elected on March 1, 1867. The first board of supervisors was elected on March 1, 1867. The first board of supervisors was elected on March 1, 1867. The first board of supervisors was elected on March 1, 1867.

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