New city council districts OK'd by DOJ in Washington

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AMITE--The new districts for the Amite town council have been approved by the Department of Justice in Washington and are set for the election on Nov. 6.

The 10 minute meeting drew no questions from Mayor Reggie Goldsby, MD or council members or a dozen or so members of the public Wednesday, July 18.

The overall town map showing districts and individual district maps will be available shortly at City Hall, said Dannie P. Garrett III.

Tangilena.com and the Tangi Digest will publish the citywide map as soon as it is available.

Garrett is with Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada, PLLC of Baton Rouge. He specializes in redistricting.

Already on the ballot:

- --presidential race incumbent president Barack Obama, Mitt Romney and other minority candidates unlikely to change the election.
- -- Member of Congress.
- -- Court of Appeals judge.
- --Town of Amite elections: mayor, members of the council. Mayor Reggie Goldsby, MD announced June 19 he will not seek re-election after over 30 years in office.
- -- Town of Roseland, mayor and members of the board of aldermen.
- --Village of Tangipahoa, mayor and members of the board of aldermen.
- -- constitutional amendments.

Cities and towns in Tangipahoa as well as taxing districts may file to place a referendum on this Nov. 6 ballot or on the Dec. 8 ballot.

The Independence Town Council decided June 26 to hold a special election Dec. 8 on a property tax for police and fire services.