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## **SECRETARY ARDOIN APPOINTS FRAN HARVEY TO LOUISIANA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL**

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin has appointed geographic information systems professional Fran Harvey to represent the Secretary of State’s Office as a voting board member of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council.

Geographic information systems are a framework for gathering, managing and analyzing data. GIS reveals deeper insights into data such as patterns, relationships and situations. The use of GIS at the Secretary of State’s Office is a direct result of the approaching legislative reapportionment. Working alongside the legislative GIS office, and with the state’s registrars of voters, GIS mapping will aid in this process.

“I am pleased to appoint Fran to this position,” Secretary Ardoin said. “She brings a wealth of GIS knowledge to the table, and I know she will be an asset to the Council.”

The GIS Council was established in 1995 by the Louisiana Legislature and is comprised of representatives from Louisiana state government agencies and several local, regional and federal organizations that operate in the state. It is responsible for guiding the sound development of geographic information systems, spatially enabled data and geographically related information technology for the State of Louisiana. For more information about the Council, visit [www.lgisc.org](http://www.lgisc.org).

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