

Regular Session, 2006

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVES R. CARTER, M. POWELL, AND SMILEY

JUDGES: (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes the legislature to create new judgeships for district courts with limited or specialized subject matter jurisdiction

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article V, Section 15(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize
3 the legislature by law to establish new judgeships for district courts with the new
4 division having limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial jurisdiction
5 of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters as
6 provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the
7 electors; and to provide for related matters.

8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
10 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
11 amend Article V, Section 15(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

12 §15. Courts; Retention; Jurisdiction; Judicial District Changes; Terms

13 Section 15.(A) Court Retention; Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. The
14 district, family, juvenile, parish, city, and magistrate courts existing on the effective
15 date of this constitution are retained. Subject to the limitations in Sections 16 and
16 21 of this Article, the legislature by law may abolish or merge trial courts of limited
17 or specialized jurisdiction. The legislature by law may establish trial courts of
18 limited jurisdiction with parishwide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter
19 jurisdiction which shall be uniform throughout the state. Effective January 1, 2007,
20 the legislature by law may establish new judgeships for district courts and establish

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 7, 2006.

Effective January 1, 2007.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §15(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Limits the specialized divisions to jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters.