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## DIGEST

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HB No. 206

**Abstract:** Authorizes the legislature by law to establish new judgeships for district courts as new divisions having limited or specialized jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction as provided by law.

Present constitution authorizes the legislature by law to abolish or merge trial courts of limited or specialized jurisdiction.

Present constitution authorizes the legislature by law to establish trial courts of limited jurisdiction with parishwide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction which shall be uniform throughout the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature by law to establish new judgeships for district courts as new divisions having limited or specialized jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction as provided by law.

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.