

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 193 (HB 44)**

**2017 Regular Session**

**Jenkins**

Prior law provided a juvenile court with exclusive original jurisdiction to try an adult for the following offenses:

- (1) The crime of contributing to the delinquency of children (R.S. 14:92), except for cases when an adult entices, aids, solicits, or permits the child to perform any sexually immoral act.
- (2) The crime of contributing to the delinquency or dependency of children (R.S. 14:92.1).
- (3) Any other misdemeanor enacted for the protection of the physical, moral, or mental well-being of children.
- (4) Criminal neglect of family.
- (5) The crime of improper supervision of a minor by parent or legal custodian (R.S. 14:92.2).

Existing law provides that if the defendant in any of these cases is entitled to trial by jury and does not waive that right, the court shall transfer the case to its criminal docket or to the appropriate court having criminal jurisdiction.

Prior law also provided for the following exceptions relative to the juvenile court's jurisdiction over adults in cases defined in items (1) and (3) above:

- (1) In East Baton Rouge Parish and Jefferson Parish, original jurisdiction is vested in the district court.
- (2) In Orleans Parish, original jurisdiction is vested in the criminal district court for that parish or the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans.

New law vests courts with juvenile jurisdiction over adults charged with items (2), (4), and (5) above and all district courts in the state with jurisdiction to try an adult for the following existing law offenses, except in Orleans Parish:

- (1) The crime of contributing to the delinquency of children (R.S. 14:92).
- (2) Any other misdemeanor enacted for the protection of the physical, moral, or mental well-being of children.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 312(A) and (B))