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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry G. Jones.

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DIGEST

SB 202 Original

2019 Regular Session

Walsworth

Present law relative to courts provides that the Third Judicial District is composed of Lincoln and Union Parishes.

Proposed law provides that the Third Judicial District shall be composed of the parish of Lincoln, and creates a Forty-Third Judicial District to be composed of the parish of Union.

Present law provides that the Third Judicial District is composed of 3 judges. Proposed law provides that the Third Judicial District shall be composed of two judges, and the new Forty-Third Judicial District shall have one judge.

Proposed law provides for transfer of cases arising out of Union Parish from the Third Judicial District to the Forty-Third Judicial District.

Proposed law creates a judicial expense fund and provides for a law clerk for the Forty-Third Judicial District.

Present law provides there are nine assistant district attorneys in the Third Judicial District. Proposed law provides there shall be six assistant district attorneys in the Third Judicial District and three assistant district attorneys in the Forty-Third Judicial District. Proposed law provides relative to salaries of district attorney and assistant district attorney.

Proposed law provides for the governor to call a special election in both parishes on the proposition that the Third Judicial District be split and become two judicial districts with a favorable vote of a majority of those voting thereon in each parish required for the Third Judicial District to be split and the Forty-Third Judicial District Court to be created.

Proposed law provides for a judge for the Forty-Third Judicial District and provides for their jurisdiction, compensation, elections, and term of office beginning on January 1, 2021. Proposed law provides for the office of the district attorney for the 43rd JDC and provides for his jurisdiction, compensation, elections, and term of office beginning on January 1, 2021.

Proposed law provides that the clerk of court and sheriff for Union Parish shall retain their powers, duties, and functions of office for the Forty-Third Judicial District.

Proposed law provides for a special effective date of January 1, 2021, for the creation of the Forty-Third Judicial District and the offices of judge and district attorney for the Forty-Third Judicial District if in the special election a majority of the voters of both Lincoln and Union parishes approve the referendum, and provides that the other provisions of proposed law take effect upon signature

of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:477(intro para) and (3) and 621.3, R.S. 16:51(A)(3) and 111-116; adds R.S. 13:477(43), 623, 623.1, 700.5, and 996.65.1 and R.S. 16:51(A)(43) and 930-935)