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DIGEST

Murray (SB 280)

Present law provides that the Traffic Court of New Orleans consists of four judges, comprising Divisions A, B, C, and D. Present law further provides that judges elected to those divisions are to be elected by the qualified voters of Orleans Parish, one judge to be elected and to preside over each division. Present law further provides that each traffic court judge must be at least 30 years of age, a qualified elector of the parish of Orleans, and an attorney at law who has practiced in Louisiana for at least five years preceding his election.

Proposed law provides that beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020, the Traffic Court of New Orleans will consist of three judges comprising Divisions A, B, and C. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that judges of the Traffic Court of New Orleans who are in office on September 12, 1975, are to continue in office until the expiration of their terms. Present law further provides that after the expiration of those terms, the successors of each judge are to be elected at the congressional election preceding the expiration of the term and for terms of eight years, and will take office on the first day of January following their election, and every eight years thereafter.

Proposed law provides that the term of office of a judge presiding over Division D of the traffic court whose term ends prior to December 31, 2017, is extended until December 31, 2017. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:2501.1(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Removes provision reducing the Traffic Court of New Orleans to two divisions (B and C) effective January 1, 2021.