

SENATE BILL NO. 445

BY SENATOR CROWE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1568.3, 1595, and 1595.1, relative to Orleans Parish Juvenile
3 Court judges; to designate special divisions of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; to
4 abolish specific judgeships upon the expiration of terms or vacancy in the Orleans
5 Parish Juvenile Court; to provide relative to funding; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:1595 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1595. Judges; criers and stenographers

10 A. In addition to Sections "A," "B" and "C" of the Juvenile Court for the
11 Parish of Orleans, there is hereby created a new section of ~~said~~ the court to be
12 designated as Section "D." The additional judge herein created shall be known as the
13 judge of Section "D" of the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Orleans. Each judge shall
14 have the right to appoint a crier and stenographer for his own section of ~~said~~ the
15 court, who shall perform the same duties and receive the same compensation,
16 payable in the same manner and from the same sources as similar officials in other
17 sections of the ~~said~~ the court. The judge of Section "D" of the juvenile court shall be
18 elected by the voters of Orleans Parish concurrently with the next election for mayor
19 of the city of New Orleans.

20 B. The judgeship created for Section "D" of the Juvenile Court for the
21 parish of Orleans shall be abolished effective December 31, 2014, at midnight.

22 C. The first judgeship becoming vacant by death, resignation,
23 retirement, disqualification from exercising any judicial function pursuant to
24 order of the Louisiana Supreme Court, or removal during the term of office
25 shall be abolished the following day.

26 D. Upon the abolishment of a judgeship as provided for in Subsections
27 B and C of this Section, the funding from the city of New Orleans for such

1 judgeship shall be allocated for juvenile services within the city of New Orleans.

2 Section 2. R.S. 13:1568.3 and 1595.1 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
 3 follows:

4 §1568.3. Special divisions of court

5 A. In accordance with the jurisdiction provided for in the Children's Code,
 6 in a juvenile court located in Orleans Parish, there shall be special divisions of court
 7 with exclusive jurisdiction over child in need of care proceedings, as specifically
 8 provided for in Titles VI, X, XI, and XII of the Louisiana Children's Code and
 9 generally provided for in other titles or articles of the code, which shall consist of
 10 Section "A" and Section "D", Section "B", Section "C", Section "E", and Section
 11 "F" of the court.

12 B. In accordance with the jurisdiction provided for in the Children's Code,
 13 the juvenile court located in Orleans Parish, there shall be special divisions of court
 14 with exclusive jurisdiction over delinquency proceedings, as specifically provided
 15 for in Title VIII of the Louisiana Children's Code and generally provided for in other
 16 titles or articles of the code, which shall consist of Section "A", Section "B", Section
 17 "C", Section "E", and Section "F".

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19 §1595.1. Additional judges for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; creation;
 20 personnel

21 In addition to the presently existing Sections "A", "B", "C", ~~"D"~~, and "E" of
 22 the present Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, there is hereby created one new section
 23 of the court for purposes of nomination and election only, to be designated as Section
 24 "F". There is hereby established one additional judgeship, the judge of which shall
 25 preside over Section "F". Such judge shall have the right to appoint a crier and
 26 stenographer for his own section of the court, who shall perform the same duties and
 27 receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, and from the same
 28 sources as similar officials in other sections of the court.

29 Section 3. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 31, 2014, at
 30 midnight.

1 Section 4(A). All cases allotted to Section "D" on December 31, 2014, at midnight
2 shall be reallocated equally by the clerk of court among Sections "A", "B", "C", "E", and "F"
3 on January 1, 2015.

4 Section 4(B). Upon abolishment of the judgeship that becomes vacant by death,
5 resignation, retirement, disqualification from exercising any judicial function pursuant to
6 order of the Louisiana Supreme Court, or removal pursuant to R.S. 13:1595(C) as enacted
7 by this Act, all cases of the abolished section of court shall be reallocated equally by the clerk
8 of court among the remaining sections of the court.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____