

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVES FRANKLIN AND DWIGHT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/CITY: Provides relative to the jurisdictional limits of the City Court of Lake Charles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H), relative to city  
3 court jurisdiction; to provide relative to the civil jurisdiction concurrent with the  
4 district court in cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed fifty thousand  
5 dollars; to provide for the jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Lake  
6 Charles; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H) are hereby amended  
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 Art. 4843. City court jurisdiction; amount in dispute; injunctive actions by state or  
11 political subdivision

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13 E. In the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court  
14 of Eunice, ~~the City Court of Lake Charles~~, the City Court of Marksville, the City  
15 Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City Court of Opelousas, the  
16 City Court of Port Allen, the City Court of Sulphur, the City Court of Ville Platte,  
17 and the City Court of Winnsboro, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district  
18 court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved,  
19 does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

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1           H. In the City Court of Alexandria, the Third Ward City Court of Franklin,  
2           the City Court of Pineville, the City Court of Slidell, ~~and~~ the City Court of Ruston,  
3           and the City Court of Lake Charles the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the  
4           district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property  
5           involved does not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 35 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the jurisdictional limits of Lake Charles City Court.

Present law provides that in the City Court of Lake Charles, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$25,000.

Proposed law increases the civil jurisdictional amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(E) and (H))