

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 661

2023 Regular Session

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JUDGES. Provides relative to the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

DIGEST

Present law requires the Judicial Council to adopt standards and guidelines for approving the creation of new judgeships and judicial offices and for splitting or merging courts.

Proposed law additionally requires the council to make recommendations to the legislature concerning standards and guidelines for the elimination of judgeships and judicial offices.

Present law provides that the judgeships and judicial offices to which present law is applicable are any judgeship of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, city courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, traffic courts, and municipal courts, and any office of commissioner, magistrate, hearing officer, or any other judicial office by whatever other name designated.

Present law provides that present law does not apply to justice of the peace courts, mayors' courts, or administrative law judges employed by the division of administrative law. Proposed law adds clerks of court to the excepted offices.

Proposed law requires the supreme court in consultation with the clerks of court to adopt procedural and administrative rules to establish uniform data reporting standards for all case filings and adjudications, including requirements for electronic filing and reporting. Requires all clerks of courts to report requested data to the council in the manner and form directed by the council.

(Amends R.S. 13:61)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

1. Requires that rather than "adopting" standards and guidelines for the elimination of judgeships and judicial offices, the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana shall "make recommendations to the legislature.