

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

CLERKS OF COURT: Provides relative to the jury commission for the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, and St. James

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 404(J), relative to jury
3 commissions; to provide for the functions of the jury commission in the parishes of
4 Ascension, Assumption, and St. James; to transfer the functions of the jury
5 commission to the clerks of court of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St.
6 James Parish; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 404(J) is hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 Art. 404. Appointment of jury commissions; term of office; oath; quorum;
11 performance of functions of jury commissions in certain parishes

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13 J. In the ~~parish~~ parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Jackson, and St. James,
14 the function of the jury commission shall be performed by the ~~clerk~~ clerks of court
15 of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, Jackson Parish, and St. James Parish or by
16 a deputy clerk of court designated by the respective clerk in writing to act in his stead
17 in all matters affecting the jury commission. The clerk of court or his designated
18 deputy shall have the same powers, duties, and responsibilities, and shall be
19 governed by all applicable provisions of law pertaining to jury commissioners. The
20 ~~clerk~~ clerks of court of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, Jackson Parish, and

1 St. James Parish shall perform the duties and responsibilities otherwise imposed
2 upon him by law with respect to jury venires, shall coordinate the jury venire
3 process, and shall receive the compensation generally authorized for a jury
4 commissioner.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the clerks of court of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St. James Parish to perform the functions of the jury commission in their respective parishes.

Present law provides for a jury commission in each parish to perform certain functions including coordination of the jury venire process.

Present law provides that in Jackson Parish the function of the jury commission shall be performed by the clerk of court of Jackson Parish or by a deputy clerk of court designated by the respective clerk in writing to act in his stead in all matters affecting the jury commission.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the clerks of court of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St. James Parish.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 404(J))