

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law established the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District (district) as a political subdivision of the state, with a territorial jurisdiction consisting of the 23rd, 29th, and 40th Judicial Districts, including the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist.

New law retains existing law and adds Lafourche Parish to the district.

Existing law established a district commission composed of 14 commissioners.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law provided that the board be composed as follows:

- (1) Five commissioners jointly appointed for terms of four years by the sheriffs of the 23rd Judicial District.
- (2) Two commissioners appointed for terms of four years by the sheriff of St. Charles Parish.
- (3) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the sheriff of St. John the Baptist Parish.
- (4) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 23rd JDC.
- (5) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 29th JDC.
- (6) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 40th JDC.
- (7) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 23rd JDC.
- (8) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 29th JDC.
- (9) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 40th JDC.

New law provides that the board shall be composed as follows:

- (1) Three commissioners shall be jointly appointed, for terms of four years by the sheriffs of the 23rd JDC.
- (2) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the sheriff of Lafourche Parish.
- (3) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the sheriff of St. Charles Parish.
- (4) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the sheriff of St. John the Baptist Parish.
- (5) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 17th JDC.
- (6) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 23rd JDC.

- (7) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 29th JDC.
- (8) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the district attorney of the 40th JDC.
- (9) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 17th JDC.
- (10) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 23rd JDC.
- (11) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 29th JDC.
- (12) One commissioner appointed for a term of four years by the chief judge of the 40th JDC.

Existing law provides that all commissioner appointments shall be confirmed by the Senate.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law authorized the board to enter into contracts for the management, administration, and operation of certain facilities.

New law repeals prior law.

New law requires all employees to be employed directly by the commission.

Prior law required the board to approve certain contracts of employment for a superintendent or administrator and other necessary personnel for certain services.

New law requires the superintendent or administrator to be employed directly by the commission.

Prior law required the board to be domiciled in the parish of St. James.

New law requires the board to be domiciled in Lafourche Parish.

Existing law authorizes the board to perform any function and exercise any power necessary, requisite, or proper for the administration and management of the affairs of the commission and, specifically, to cooperate with juvenile courts and other courts and public agencies within the 23rd, 29th, and 40th JDCs to aid and assist in all ways authorized by existing law for the purposes and responsibilities for which the commission is established.

New law retains existing law and adds juvenile courts and other courts and public agencies within the 17th JDC as entities that may aid and assist the district in all ways authorized by law for the purposes and responsibilities for which the commission is established.

New law requires that when the district presents any tax proposal to the electors of the district, the Lafourche Parish Council submit to the electors of Lafourche Parish a reduction of any current levied millage at or lower than the tax increase proposed by the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District on the same election date.

Existing law requires that in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist, in all felony and misdemeanor prosecutions, including traffic offenses, under state law or parish or municipal ordinance, in any district, parish, city, or mayor's court, special costs in an amount not to exceed five dollars, be levied against every defendant who is convicted after trial, enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeits bond.

New law retains existing law and authorizes any district, parish, city, or mayor's court in Lafourche Parish to levy a fine not to exceed five dollars to every defendant who is convicted after trial, enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeits bond

Existing law requires that in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist, in all courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction, special costs in an amount not to exceed five dollars be levied against every juvenile who is found to have committed a traffic violation, under state law or parish or municipal ordinance, and special costs in an amount not to exceed \$25 be levied against every juvenile who is adjudicated a delinquent.

New law retains existing law and authorizes all courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction in Lafourche Parish to levy against every juvenile who is found to have committed a traffic violation, under state law or parish or municipal ordinance, and special costs in an amount not to exceed \$25 against every juvenile who is adjudicated a delinquent.

Effective on August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109.11, 1109.12(A), 1109.13, 1109.15, 1109.16(A), and 1109.17; adds R.S. 15:1109.16(C))