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Abstract: Authorizes the establishment of the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program in the 19th JDC.

Present law provides for definitions and provides certain factors to determine if a case may be referred to the Complex Litigation Section.

Present law authorizes the 19th JDC to establish the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program and provides for additional filing fees in complex litigation cases.

Present law provides that the clerk of court may demand and receive a filing of $200 for each case referred to the Complex Litigation Section.

Present law requires the clerk of court to collect all monies generated pursuant to present law and forward to the 19th JDC for placement into a separate account designated as the Complex Litigation Section Fund. Provides further that the court shall keep accurate records, shall cause to be conducted an annual audit, and shall file the audit with the office of the legislative auditor.

Present law provides that the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program shall be effective for two years unless extended by the legislature.

Proposed law repeals present law regarding the temporary nature of the program and makes the program permanent.

Proposed law establishes the Complex Litigation Section Program and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:842.4(Section heading); Repeals R.S. 13:842.4(D))