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Abstract: Provides for concurrent jurisdiction between the justice of the peace and city courts in East Baton Rouge Parish over evictions and for the jurisdictional boundaries of justice of the peace courts in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Present law provides that a justice of the peace court has concurrent jurisdiction with a parish or district court over suits for the possession or ownership of movable property and over suits by landowners or lessors for the eviction of occupants or tenants of leased residential premises regardless of the amount of monthly or yearly rent or rent for the unexpired term of the lease.

Present law provides that a justice of the peace court has jurisdiction over suits by landowners or lessors for the eviction of occupants or tenants of leased commercial premises and leased farmlands where the amount of the monthly rental does not exceed \$5,000 per month, regardless of the amount of rent due or the rent for the unexpired term of the lease.

Proposed law provides that justices of the peace in East Baton Rouge Parish shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the city courts in East Baton Rouge Parish for the eviction of occupants or tenants of leased residential or commercial premises and leased farmlands where the amount of the monthly rental does not exceed \$5,000 per month, regardless of the amount of yearly rent or rent for the unexpired term of the lease.

Proposed law provides that the territorial jurisdiction of a justice of the peace court in East Baton Rouge parish shall coincide with the district boundaries of the court as provided in law.

(Adds C.C.P. Art. 4912(C))