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Present law provides that the 1st Judicial District Court is comprised of Caddo Parish. Provides that the 1st Judicial District Court has 11 judges.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the 1st Judicial District Court shall consist of three election sections.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that there shall be one at-large judgeship from the existing election sections.

Present law (Act 145 of the 1994 3rd Extraordinary Session and Act 241 of the 1997 Regular Session) provides that each judgeship be designated as a division, and that each division is assigned to one election section as follows:

(1) Election Section 1: Divisions B, D, G, and J

(2) Election Section 2: Divisions C, H, and I

(3) Election Section 3: Divisions A, E, F, and K

Proposed law retains present law but designates Division F as an at-large judgeship.

Proposed law provides that the current judge serving in Division F shall continue to be elected in Section 3 until such time as that judge vacates that seat due to resignation, retirement, incapacity, or if the judge does not run for re-election.

Proposed law provides that the next subsequent election for Division F in which the currently elected judge has vacated that judgeship or is not running for re-election shall trigger Division F to be an at-large judgeship.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:477(1) and 621.1; repeals §3(E) of Act No. 145 of 1994 3rd E.S.)