

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 911
by Representative McMakin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 13:1," delete "474, and 842(A)," and insert "842(A), and 1381(introductory paragraph)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, delete ", 621.42, 621.43," and insert "through 621.45,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 4 in its entirety and insert a comma "," and "and to repeal"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 6, after "1377," delete the remainder of the line and insert "1381.1 through 1400, 1566 through 1568.3, 1587.1, 1587.2, and 1593 through 1595.3, relative to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 12, after "There are" delete "four" and insert "three"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 24, after "Divisions" change "D," to "A,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 25, after "and N" insert "of the Orleans Civil District Court"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, line 5, after "R.S. 13:1," delete "and 842(A)" and insert "842(A), and 1381(introductory paragraph)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 6, delete ", 621.42, 621.43," and insert "through 621.45,"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, line 17, after "shall have" delete "twenty-six" and insert "twenty-one"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 7, line 4, after "through" change "Z" to "U"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 7, line 5, after "Divisions" delete "A through N" and insert "A, B, and D through K"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 132 On page 7, line 6, after "through" change "N" to "J"3 AMENDMENT NO. 144 On page 7, line 9, after "Divisions" delete "A through L" and insert "B through H and K and
5 L"6 AMENDMENT NO. 157 On page 7, line 10, after "Divisions" delete "O through Z" and insert "K through Q"8 AMENDMENT NO. 16

9 On page 7, delete lines 13 through 28 in their entirety and insert the following:

10 "F. The judges assigned to the juvenile section shall preside over Divisions
11 T and U of the Forty-First Judicial District Court.12 G. The court of appeal with jurisdiction over the parish of Orleans shall have
13 appellate jurisdiction over all cases tried in the city courts of New Orleans and all
14 cases tried before the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans."15 AMENDMENT NO. 17

16 On page 8, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

17 AMENDMENT NO. 1818 On page 8, at the beginning of line 3, change "G." to "H."19 AMENDMENT NO. 1920 On page 8, at the beginning of line 5, delete "immediately preceding the expiration of their
21 terms," and insert "to be held in 2026"22 AMENDMENT NO. 2023 On page 8, at the beginning of line 13, change "H." to "I."24 AMENDMENT NO. 2125 On page 9, line 1, after "parish" delete "and" and insert a comma "`,`"26 AMENDMENT NO. 2227 On page 9, line 2, after "parish" insert a comma "`,`" and "and the Juvenile Court for the
28 parish"29 AMENDMENT NO. 23

30 On page 9, delete lines 13 through 19 in their entirety

31 AMENDMENT NO. 2432 On page 9, at the beginning of line 20, change "§621.43" to "§621.42"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 9, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"§621.43. Abolition of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; extension of terms of office; jurisdiction; conferred on Forty-First Judicial District Court; transfer of cases

A. The Orleans Parish Juvenile Court is abolished effective December 31, 2026. The terms of office of the judges of the juvenile court now in office shall be extended until December 31, 2026. After the effective date of this Section, no judge shall be elected to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court except to fill a vacancy and in such case the term of office shall expire on December 31, 2026.

B. It is the express intent of this Section that the jurisdiction conferred by law, particularly the Louisiana Children's Code, upon the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, shall be vested in the Forty-First Judicial District Court and shall be the same as it exists on the effective date of this Section. All of its powers, its duties, and its various departments or its personnel, except as provided in this Section, shall be vested in the Forty-First Judicial District Court as provided in this Section and R.S. 13:621.45 and 621.46.

C. Effective January 1, 2027, all pending cases filed in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court are hereby transferred to the Forty-First Judicial District Court for the parish of Orleans. All records and files of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court shall be transferred to the Forty-First Judicial District Court, which shall hear and dispose of each such case with the same legal effect as if it had been instituted in that court in the first instance.

§621.44. Forty-First Judicial District Court; initial judges; term of office; election; juvenile section

The judges of the Forty-First Judicial District Court in office on January 1, 2027, shall en banc create the Juvenile Section of that court. The rule shall designate not less than two judges who shall be assigned all cases involving juvenile matters over which the district court has jurisdiction.

§621.45. Implementing legislation

The legislature shall enact any such other legislation necessary to effectuate the provisions transferring jurisdiction over juvenile matters to the Forty-First Judicial District Court."

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 11, line 6, after "shall be" delete "four" and insert "up to two"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 12, line 11, after "A." delete "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 12, delete lines 19 through 25 in their entirety and insert "At the expiration of the current term of the Clerk of the Criminal District Court,"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 12, at the beginning of line 26" delete "elected,"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 12, delete line 27 and insert "Orleans, the clerk of court of the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans, and the clerk of court of the Juvenile Court for the parish of Orleans"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 31

2 On page 13, at the beginning of line 10, delete "Orleans and" and insert "Orleans,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 32

4 On page 13, line 10, after "parish of Orleans" insert a comma "," and "and the Juvenile Court
5 of the parish of Orleans"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 33

7 On page 14, delete line 20 in its entirety and insert the following:

8 "forth in R.S. 13:1213, 1213.1, 1381, 1595.3, 2157, and any other fees required by
9 statute to be paid to or collected by the clerks of the Civil District Court for the
10 parish of Orleans, the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans, the Juvenile
11 Court for the parish of Orleans, or the First or Second City Court of the City of New
12 Orleans and shall deposit no less than fifty percent of the amounts"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 34

14 On page 15, between lines 4 and 5, insert a set of asterisks "* * *"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 35

16 On page 18, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

17 "M.(1) The additional cost of fourteen dollars may be taxed against every
18 nonindigent defendant who is convicted after trial or after a plea of guilty or who
19 forfeits his bond in connection with any other criminal offense.

20 (2) All funds received pursuant to this Section shall be used to pay court
21 reporter fees for transcripts prepared for indigent defendants, including bills of
22 exceptions, trials, motions, hearings on writs, and all court proceedings.

23 (3) The judges of the Forty-First Judicial District Court, sitting en banc, may,
24 by a majority vote of all members, authorize the payment of fees, to be determined
25 by the court, to the deputy court reporters for the transcription of indigent defendant
26 cases."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 36

28 On page 22, delete lines 7 through 30 in their entirety

29 AMENDMENT NO. 37

30 On page 23, delete lines 1 through 19 in their entirety

31 AMENDMENT NO. 38

32 On page 23, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

33 "§1381. Fees

34 The following charges may be made for the services of the clerk of the
35 ~~criminal district court~~ Forty-First Judicial District Court:

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37 AMENDMENT NO. 39

38 On page 23, delete lines 21 through 30 in their entirety

1 AMENDMENT NO. 40

2 Delete pages 24 through 26 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 41

4 On page 27, delete lines 1 through 11 in their entirety

5 AMENDMENT NO. 42

6 On page 27, line 12, after "Section" change "6" to "5"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 43

8 On page 27, line 13, delete "as used in Sections 5 through 18 of this Act"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 44

10 On page 27, line 17, after "Section" change "7" to "6"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 45

12 On page 27, line 24, after "Section" change "8" to "7"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 46

14 On page 28, line 1, after "Section" change "9" to "8"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 47

16 On page 28, line 4, after "Section" change "10" to "9"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 48

18 On page 28, line 8, after "Section" change "11" to "10"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 49

20 On page 28, delete lines 16 through 26 in their entirety

21 AMENDMENT NO. 50

22 On page 28, line 27, after "Section" change "14" to "11"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 51

24 On page 28, at the beginning of line 28, delete "and" and after "1400" insert a comma ",", and
25 "1566 through 1568.3, 1587.1 through 1587.2, and 1593 through 1595.3"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 52

27 On page 28, line 29, after "1371," delete "1372, and 1381" and insert "and 1372"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 53

29 On page 29, line 1, after "Section" delete "15.(A)" and insert "12."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 54

2 On page 29, delete lines 7 through 15 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 55

4 On page 29, delete line 16 in its entirety and insert "Section 13. The provisions of"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 56

6 On page 29, line 21, after "Section" change "17" to "14"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 57

8 On page 29, line 25, after "Section" change "18" to "15"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 58

10 On page 30, delete lines 3 through 30 in their entirety

11 AMENDMENT NO. 59

12 Delete page 31 in its entirety

13 AMENDMENT NO. 60

14 On page 32, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

15 AMENDMENT NO. 61

16 On page 32, delete lines 3 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

17 "Section 16. If a vacancy occurs before December 31, 2026, in a division of civil or
18 criminal court as specified in Section 2 of this Act to be abolished or in the office of the
19 clerk of the criminal district court, no special election shall be held to fill the"