

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1147

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

JUDGES/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Increases the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts for civil claims in parishes with a population of less than 26,000 persons

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4911(D), relative to the jurisdiction of the justice
3 of the peace courts; to provide for an increase in the jurisdictional amount for justice
4 of the peace courts in parishes with a population of less than 26,000 persons; to
5 provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4911(D) is hereby enacted to read as
8 follows:

9 Art. 4911. Jurisdiction in justice of the peace courts; concurrent with district court;
10 amount in dispute

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12 D. The civil jurisdiction of a justice of the peace court, in a parish having a
13 population of twenty-six thousand or less, is concurrent with the district court in
14 cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed eight thousand dollars. This
15 Subsection does not apply in a parish that has a municipal, city, or parish court.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts to \$8,000 for civil claims in parishes with a population of less than 26,000 persons.

Present law provides that the justice of the peace courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed \$5,000.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the amount from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in parishes having a population of less than 26,000 people.

Proposed law exempts parishes from the increase if the parish has a municipal, city, or parish court.

(Adds C.C.P. Art. 4911(D))