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DIGEST

SB 256 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Morris

Present law provides for a clerk of court for the civil district court in Orleans Parish and for a clerk of the criminal district court in Orleans Parish.

Proposed law provides for one clerk of court in Orleans Parish and for administration of the Orleans court by the clerk.

Proposed law provides that during the transition to a consolidation office of the clerk or court and provides that no employee of the clerk of the Criminal District Court may be discharged from employment by the clerk before January 15, 2027, except for good cause.

Proposed law provides that the clerk of the office of the consolidated clerk of court may hire temporary employees or contractors to assist in the transition using unrestricted funds of the clerk until June 30, 2027.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:1211, 1211.1, 1212(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), 1212.1, 1213.1, 1213.2, 1216, 1222, 1371.2, 1373(A)(1), 1373.1, 1381.3, and 1381.7(A), and R.S. 18:2(3), 444(E), 602(C)(1) and (E)(2)(c), 1300.7(B), 1354(A)(1), 1511.2(E), and 1511.3(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides during transition to a consolidated office of clerk of court, no employee of the clerk of the Criminal District Court may be discharged, except for good cause, before January 15, 2027.
3. Allows the clerk of the consolidated office to hire temporary employees or contractors during transition until June 30, 2027.
4. Changes effective date from August 1, 2026, to governor signature.