
DIGEST

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HB 519 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires a special master in complex civil litigation to comply with ethical requirements of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Present law provides for the appointment of a special master in any civil action where complicated legal or factual issues are presented or exceptional circumstances of the case warrant such appointment upon consent of all parties.

Proposed law retains present law and requires a special master appointed by a trial court to comply with ethical requirements of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Provides for exceptions.

Proposed law provides that any cases designated as complex pursuant to rules adopted by the La. Supreme Court are subject to the supreme court's rules regarding complex cases and the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 13:4165(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Provide that cases designated as complex pursuant to La. Supreme Court rules are subject to the supreme court's rules and the provisions of proposed law.