

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1043

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

COURTS: Provides relative to the civil jurisdictional amounts for First and Second Parish Courts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2561.2(A) and 2562.2(A), relative to the jurisdictional
3 amount for parish courts; to provide for a jurisdictional amount of thirty-five
4 thousand dollars for the First and Second Parish Courts of Jefferson Parish; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:2561.2(A) and 2562.2(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §2561.2. Civil jurisdiction

10 A. Subject to the limitations provided in R.S. 13:2561.4, this court has civil
11 jurisdiction concurrent with that of the district court, within its territorial boundaries,
12 when the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed
13 ~~twenty~~ thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees; ~~and~~
14 ~~in suits for possession of leased premises when the amount of the rental does not~~
15 ~~exceed the jurisdictional amounts provided in Code of Civil Procedure Article~~
16 ~~4844(A)~~; and in case of any reconventional demand, intervention, or third-party
17 opposition filed in the court and necessarily connected with or growing out of the
18 main demand, the court shall be divested of jurisdiction over the main demand and
19 all of the incidental demands when the amount in dispute or the value of the property
20 involved in the reconventional demand, intervention, or third-party opposition

1 exceeds ~~twenty~~ thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney
2 fees, and the case shall be removed to the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court.

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4 §2562.2. Civil jurisdiction

5 A. Subject to the limitations provided in R.S. 13:2562.4, this court has civil
6 jurisdiction concurrent with that of the district court, within its territorial boundaries,
7 when the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed
8 ~~twenty~~ thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees ~~and~~
9 ~~in suits for possession of leased premises when the amount of the rental does not~~
10 ~~exceed the jurisdictional amounts provided in Code of Civil Procedure Article~~
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12 opposition filed in the court and necessarily connected with or growing out of the
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16 exceeds ~~twenty~~ thirty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney
17 fees, and the case shall be removed to the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the civil jurisdictional amount for the 1st and 2nd Parish Courts of Jefferson Parish from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

Present law (R.S. 13:2561.2(A) and 2652.2(A)) provides for the civil jurisdictional limit of \$20,000 for the 1st and 2nd Parish Courts of Jefferson Parish.

Proposed law increases the jurisdictional limit for the 1st and 2nd Parish Courts of Jefferson Parish from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:2561.2(A) and 2562.2(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Remove language that would revise the civil jurisdictional limits for all parish courts.
2. Change the civil jurisdictional limit of the 1st and 2nd Parish Courts of Jefferson Parish from \$20,000 to \$35,000.
3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove references to present law regarding jurisdictional limits for eviction proceedings that no longer apply to proposed law.