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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Villio to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 357 by Senator Reese

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete Amendments Nos. 1, 5, and 15 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230)

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 In Amendment No. 7 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 1, at the
5 beginning of line 22, inset "A."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 In Amendment No. 7 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 1, between
8 lines 29 and 30, insert the following:

9 **"B. This Section is only applicable to appellate courts."**

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 In Amendment No. 13 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 2, delete line
12 17 in its entirety and insert the following:

13 **"D.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any**
14 **amount paid as per diem for attending to official duties in the parish of the**
15 **courthouse and related travel shall not exceed the maximum daily expense rate**
16 **allowed for employees of the United States for travel to that location as**
17 **established by the United States General Services Administration, or its**
18 **successor, with the limit for a particular fiscal year measured by the amount**
19 **applicable ninety days before its commencement.**

20 **(2) The court shall adopt rules implementing this Subsection including**
21 **related and similar limitations concerning to the performance of judicial duties**
22 **at other locations in the state when necessary. Any amounts due pursuant to**
23 **this Subsection shall be subject to an annual limit not to exceed a total of ten per**
24 **month. This Subsection is applicable to any justice who is eligible to make an**
25 **election under Subsection A of this Section.**

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27 AMENDMENT NO. 5

28 In Amendment No. 16 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 3, at the
29 beginning of line 3, change "Section 4." to "Section 6."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 6

31 In Amendment No. 16 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 3, line 6, after
32 "elected" and before the period "." insert "notwithstanding that his primary work location is
33 otherwise to be in his district"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 7

2 In Amendment No. 16 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 3, delete line
3 8 in its entirety and insert "Section 7. This Section and Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act
4 shall become effective upon signature"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 8

6 In Amendment No. 16 by the House Committee on Judiciary (#5230), on page 3, line 13,
7 change "2027" to "2026"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 9

9 On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert "To amend and reenact R.S. 13:72.1, 74,
10 76, and 353(B) and R.S. 40:2405(B), Code of Civil Procedure Article 157(A) and (B)(2), and
11 Code of Criminal Procedure Article 679(E), to enact R.S. 13:103.1 and Code of Civil
12 Procedure Article 157(C), and"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 10

14 On page 1, line 13, after "personnel;" and before "and" insert "to provide relative to recusal;
15 to provide for an effective date;"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 11

17 On page 4, delete line 1 in its entirety and insert the following:

18 "Section 3. Code of Civil Procedure Article 157(A) and (B)(2) are hereby amended
19 and reenacted and Code of Civil Procedure Article 157(C) is hereby enacted to read as
20 follows:

21 Art. 157. Recusal of supreme court justice

22 A. A party desiring to recuse a justice of the supreme court shall file a
23 written motion therefor assigning the ground for recusal under Article 151. When
24 a written motion is filed to recuse a justice of the supreme court, the justice may
25 recuse himself or **refer** the motion ~~shall to~~ be heard by the other justices of the court.

26 B. When a justice of the supreme court recuses himself or is recused **by a**
27 **majority of the other justices**, the court may do one of the following:

28 * * *
29 (2) Appoint a **retired justice of the supreme court or a** sitting or retired
30 judge of a district court or a court of appeal having the qualifications of a justice of
31 the supreme court, **other than age, as a justice ad hoc** to act for the recused justice
32 in the hearing and disposition of the cause.

33 **C. A referred recusal motion shall be denied unless a majority of the**
34 **other justices serving in the case when the motion is filed find sufficient grounds**
35 **for recusal under Article 151.**

36 Section 4. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 679(E) is hereby amended and
37 reenacted to read as follows:

38 Art. 679. Recusal of an appellate judge and a supreme court justice

39 * * *
40 E. When a justice of the supreme court recuses himself or is recused **by a**
41 **majority of the other justices**, the court may have the cause argued before and
42 disposed of by the other justices or appoint a **retired justice of the supreme court**
43 **or** sitting or retired judge of a district court or of a court of appeal having the
44 qualifications of a justice of the supreme court, **other than age**, to sit as a member
45 of the court in the hearing and disposition of the cause. **A referred recusal motion**

1 shall be denied unless a majority of the other justices serving in the case when
2 the motion is filed find sufficient grounds for recusal under Article 671.

3 Section 5. R.S. 13:75 and 353(C) are hereby repealed in their entirety."