

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 746 (SB 197)

2026 Regular Session

Morris

Prior law provided for 12 judges at the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit in New Orleans. Provides election of eight judges from the first district of the fourth circuit; one judge elected from the third district; and two judges elected from the circuit at large.

New law reduces from 12 to 10 the total number of judges in the fourth circuit as follows:

- (1) Reduces from eight to seven, the judges elected from the first district.
- (2) Reduces from two to one, the judges elected from the circuit at large.

New law is not to deprive any judge in office of the ability to serve the entire remainder of his or her term. To effectuate the provisions of this Act, no further elections shall be held for Division G, of the first district of the fourth circuit or for the at large seat currently held by Chief Judge Roland Belsome with a term expiring on December 31, 2031, whether at the end of the current term or due to a vacancy caused by the death, resignation, retirement, or incapacity of the judge.

Effective June 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:312.1(D))