

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 130

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COURTS: Authorizes the 4th JDC to provide that one division of the court shall be a mental health court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:587.2(A), relative to divisions of court of the Fourth Judicial
3 District; to authorize the judges of the court to designate a division of court as a
4 specialty division; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:587.2(A) is hereby amended and enacted to read as follows:

7 §587.2. Fourth Judicial District; divisions; subject matter

8 A. Respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned
9 randomly within multi-judge sections, the judges of the Fourth Judicial District
10 Court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may assign
11 certain divisions of the court to a criminal section and certain divisions to a civil,
12 drug court, mental health court, juvenile, or other section of the court.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the judges of the 4th JDC (Ouachita Parish), by rule adopted by a majority of the judges sitting en banc, to assign a division of the court as a mental health court.

Present law authorizes the judges of the 4th JDC, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, to assign certain divisions of the court to a criminal section and certain divisions to a civil, drug court, juvenile, or other section of the court.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the judges of the 4th JDC, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, to assign a division of the court as a mental health court.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits a rule adopted by the court from assigning any division, without its consent, to any section for a period longer than three years.

Proposed law retains present law providing that all divisions of the court shall retain general jurisdiction to hear all matters even if they are assigned as a specialized section subject matter jurisdiction.

(Amends R.S. 13:587.2(A))