

Prior law authorized 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.

New law retains prior 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.

New law retains prior 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.

New law retains prior law which provides 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.

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