
DIGEST

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Leger

HB No. 1206

Abstract: Provides for the consolidation of the municipal and traffic courts of New Orleans.

Present law provides for the Municipal Court and Traffic Courts of New Orleans and the judgeships and clerks of court for each court and their respective salaries, terms of office, qualifications, powers and duties and employees and personnel. Present law further provides for jurisdiction of the courts and procedures relative to trials and appeals, judicial administrators, judicial expense funds and use of such funds, quarters for the court, additional costs, and enumeration of fees and fines.

Proposed law consolidates the Municipal Court of New Orleans and the Traffic Court of New Orleans and creates the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans and provides for its jurisdiction.

Proposed law transfers the four judges from the traffic court to the consolidated court and creates four additional judgeships to be comprised of Divisions "E", "F", "G", and "H".

Proposed law provides for the two judgeships which currently preside over Divisions "C" and "D" of the traffic court, to occupy Divisions "G" and "H" of the consolidated court, and further requires that the two judgeships and divisions ("G" and "H") are abolished upon expiration of their terms of office, effective December 31, 2014, at midnight.

Proposed law provides for one clerk of court and judicial administrator for the consolidated court and authorizes the clerk of the consolidated court to determine the necessary employees from the traffic court that will be transferred for the efficient operation of the office.

Proposed law creates a consolidated judicial expense fund and requires all funds from the municipal and traffic court to be transferred and deposited into this separate account.

Proposed law provides for the transfer of all property of the traffic court to the consolidated court.

Proposed law authorizes the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office and the Constable's Office for the city of New Orleans, to provide security detail for the consolidated court.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:2491, 2492, 2493, 2493.1(A)(intro. para.), (B), (C), and (D), 2495, 2495.1(A), 2496.1, 2496.2(A), 2496.3(A), (B), (E), (F), (G)(intro. para.), (3) and (5), 2496.4, 2497, 2498(A), (B), and (C), 2499, 2500(A) and (B), 2500.1, 2500.2, 2500.4, 2501, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, and 2519(A); Repeals R.S. 13:2501.1, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2507.1, and 2509)