

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 119 (HB 525)**

**2016 Regular Session**

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Existing law provides that any court in this state empowered to hear family or juvenile matters shall have jurisdiction over domestic abuse proceedings.

Existing law provides that the venue is proper in the parish where: (1) the marital domicile is located or where the household is located; (2) the defendant resides; (3) the abuse is alleged to have been committed; (4) the petitioner resides; or (5) an action for annulment of marriage or for a divorce could be brought under existing law.

New law retains existing law and also provides that in a judicial district comprised of multiple parishes, if a court determines that it is in the interest of justice to afford the parties a more expeditious hearing than current docketing scheduling would permit, or to comply with the time provisions provided by existing law, a judge or hearing officer may conduct a hearing in any parish within the judicial district.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 46:2133(C); Adds R.S. 46:2133(D))