

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 295****2019 Regular Session****Hill**COURTS/MAGISTRATES: Provides for a magistrate judge in the 14th JDC**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Provides that the proposed law magistrate position shall be established Jan. 1, 2021, but allows candidates for the position to qualify for office and an election to be scheduled in 2020.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides for the creation of the magistrate judge of the 14th JDC, to be elected from election sections one and three combined. The salary of this position shall be equal to 75% of the salary paid to judges of the 14th JDC. The magistrate judge will have jurisdiction over criminal matters that do not involve certain felony matters.

Proposed law provides that the judgeship shall be established on Jan. 1, 2021. Allows candidates to qualify for office and participate in the regularly scheduled election in 2020. The magistrate judge shall serve for a term of six years, the position shall be full-time, and the magistrate judge is prohibited from practicing law.

Proposed law requires the magistrate judge to possess the same qualifications of a district court judge as outlined in La. Const. Art. V, §24.

(Adds R.S. 13:589)