

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON AND MCFARLAND

JUDGES: Provides relative to the election of judges for the 2nd JDC

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:621.2 and to repeal Act No. 669 of the 1999 Regular Session
3 of the Legislature, relative to the election of judges for the Second Judicial District;
4 to eliminate the requirement that judges reside in a specific parish of the Second
5 Judicial District; to require judges of the Second Judicial District Court to be elected
6 at large from the Second Judicial District; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:621.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §621.2. Second judicial district

10 The Second Judicial District Court shall have three judges who shall be
11 elected at large from the Second Judicial District for six-year terms.

12 Section 2. Act No. 669 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature is hereby
13 repealed in its entirety.

14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
18 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 53 Engrossed

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Jefferson

Abstract: Eliminates the requirement that the judges of the Second Judicial District Court reside in specific parishes of the district.

Present law provides for three district court judges in the Second Judicial District Court to be elected from the district at large for six-year terms.

Proposed law retains the present law provision for the election of judges from the district at large for six-year terms, but eliminates the requirement that the judge who presides over Division "A" be a resident of Claiborne Parish, that the judge who presides over Division "B" be a resident of Jackson Parish, and that the judge who presides over Division "C" be a resident of Bienville Parish.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:621.2; Repeals Act No. 669 of the 1999 R.S.)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Add an effective date based on the signature of the governor.