## **DIGEST**

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HB 754 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the establishment of the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program in the 19th JDC and provides for additional filing fees for complex litigation cases.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for definitions and provides certain factors to determine if a case may be referred to the Complex Litigation Section.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the 19th JDC to establish the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program and provides for additional filing fees in complex litigation cases.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the clerk of court may demand and receive a filing of \$200 for each case referred to the Complex Litigation Section.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the clerk of court to collect all monies generated pursuant to this Section and forward them to the 19th JDC for placement into a separate account designated as the Complex Litigation Section Fund. Provides further that the court shall keep accurate records, shall cause to be conducted an annual audit, and shall file the audit with the office of the legislative auditor.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the pilot program shall be effective for two years unless extended by the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 13:842.4)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Authorize the 19th JDC to establish the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program.
- 3. Change provisions which provide relative to the collection and placement of all monies generated pursuant to <u>proposed law</u>.
- 4. Change provisions which provide relative to an annual audit.