

1 any lawyer not admitted in this state who practices law or renders or offers to
 2 render any legal services in this state.

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4 §15. Courts; Retention; Jurisdiction; Judicial District Changes; Terms

5 Section 15.(A) Court Retention; Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. The
 6 district, family, juvenile, parish, city, and magistrate courts existing on the effective
 7 date of this constitution are retained. Subject to the limitations in Sections 16 and 21
 8 of this Article, the legislature by law may abolish or merge trial courts of limited or
 9 specialized jurisdiction. The legislature ~~by law~~ may establish trial courts of limited
 10 or specialized jurisdiction ~~with parishwide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter~~
 11 ~~jurisdiction which shall be uniform throughout the state~~ by law enacted by two-
 12 thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Effective January
 13 1, 2007, the legislature by law may establish new judgeships for district courts and
 14 establish the new divisions with limited or specialized jurisdiction within the
 15 territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family
 16 or juvenile matters as provided by law. The office of city marshal is continued until
 17 the city court he serves is abolished.

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19 §16. District Courts; Jurisdiction

20 Section 16.(A) Original Jurisdiction. (1) Except as otherwise authorized by
 21 this constitution or except as heretofore or hereafter provided by law for
 22 administrative agency determinations in worker's compensation matters, a district
 23 court shall have original jurisdiction of all civil and criminal matters. (2) ~~It~~ **Except**
 24 **as otherwise authorized under this constitution, it** shall have exclusive original
 25 jurisdiction of felony cases and of cases involving title to immovable property,
 26 except as provided in (3) below; the right to office or other public position; civil or
 27 political right; probate and succession matters; except for administrative agency
 28 determination provided for in (1) above, the state, a political corporation, or political
 29 subdivisions, or a succession, as a defendant; and the appointment of receivers or

1 liquidators for corporations or partnerships. (3) The legislature may provide by law
 2 that a family court has jurisdiction of cases involving title to movable and
 3 immovable property when those cases relate to the partition of community property
 4 and the settlement of claims arising from matrimonial regimes when such action
 5 arises as a result of divorce or annulment of marriage.

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7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to
 8 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on March 29, 2025,
 9 or at a statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

10 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 11 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 12 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 13 follows:

14 Do you support an amendment authorizing discipline of out-of-state
 15 attorneys for unethical practices related to legal services in this state and to
 16 enable the creation of trial courts of limited or specialized jurisdiction?

17 (Amends Article V, Sections 5(B), 15(A), and 16(A))

The original instrument was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Angela Lockett-De Jean.

DIGEST

SB 1 Reengrossed

2024 Third Extraordinary Session

Morris

Present constitution grants the supreme court exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against a member of the bar.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provision but further grants the court original jurisdiction for proceedings against any lawyer specially admitted by a court of this state for a particular proceeding, and any lawyer not admitted in this state who practices law or renders or offers to render any legal services in this state.

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to establish trial courts of limited jurisdiction having parishwide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction throughout the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes establishment of trial courts of limited or specialized jurisdiction by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Present constitution provides that district courts have exclusive original jurisdiction of felony

cases and cases involving title to immovable property, except family court jurisdiction involving movable and immovable property cases related to partition of community property and settlement of claims arising from matrimonial regimes in divorce or annulment proceedings.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provision but specifically provides that except as authorized in the constitution, the district court has exclusive original jurisdiction involving felony cases and cases involving immovable property as provided in the present constitution.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on March 29, 2025, or at another statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 5(B), 15(A), and 16(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Makes technical change.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Changes the election date from November 15, 2025 to March 29, 2025.
3. Grants the supreme court exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against any lawyer specially admitted by a court of this state for a particular proceeding, and any lawyer not admitted in this state who practices law or renders or offers to render any legal services in this state.