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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Enacts the Speedy Tort Claims Act.

Proposed law enacts the Speedy Tort Claims Act, and provides for the establishment of a speedy tort claims division in the judicial district courts.

Proposed law authorizes judicial district courts to establish a speedy tort claims division that has limited subject matter jurisdiction and a monetary jurisdiction limited to a maximum of \$50,000.

Proposed law provides for the qualifications and selection of a magistrate judge by a majority vote of the judges of the judicial district, and provides for the salary to be paid from the judicial expense fund of the judicial district court.

Proposed law establishes the jurisdiction, venue, and civil procedures applicable to the speedy claims division.

Proposed law provides for the use of the guidelines for treatment and medical reimbursement schedule established in La. Administrative Code applicable to workers compensation claims.

Proposed law provides procedures for the taking of writs and appeal of judgments to the courts of appeal, but prohibits appeals to the supreme court.

(Adds C.C.P. Arts. 5020.1-5022.5)