Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/CITY: Increases the jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Ruston

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H), relative to the jurisdictional amount in dispute for city courts; to increase the jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Ruston; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 4843. City court jurisdiction; amount in dispute; injunctive actions by state or political subdivision

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E. In the City Court of Abbeville, the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of Eunice, the City Court of Kaplan, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Plaquemine, the City Court of Port Allen, ~~the City Court of Ruston,~~ the City Court of Shreveport, the City Court of Sulphur, and the City Court of Winnsboro, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

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H. In the City Court of Alexandria, ~~and~~ the City Court of Pineville, and the City Court of Ruston, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed the amount provided in Article 1732(1) for purposes of demanding a jury trial.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Ruston from $25,000 to an amount that does not exceed the amount for purposes of demanding a jury trial.

Present law provides that in the City Court of Ruston, the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute is $25,000.

Present law also provides that in the following courts, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed $25,000: the City Court of Abbeville, the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of Eunice, the City Court of Kaplan, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Plaquemine, the City Court of Port Allen, the City Court of Shreveport, the City Court of Sulphur, and the City Court of Winnsboro.

Present law also provides that in the City Court of Alexandria and the City Court of Pineville, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed the amount triggering the right to demand a jury trial.

Proposed law retains present law except it provides that in the City Court of Ruston, the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute is up to an amount that does not trigger the right to demand a jury trial (a cause of action exceeding $50,000 exclusive of interest and costs).

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(E) and (H))

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