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HB No. 523

Abstract: Provides that a vacancy in a judgeship in the 24th JDC occurring after January 1, 2012, shall be filled from the minority subdistrict.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the parish of Jefferson shall compose the 24th JDC and shall have 16 judges.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and codifies the election sections established in the consent decree in the matter of "Janice Clark, et al v. Charles Roemer, et al," No. 86-435-A, U.S. District Court, Middle District of La.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the next judgeship vacancy in a division in the 24th JDC, except for Divisions C or P, occurring after Jan. 1, 2012 shall be filled by election from election section five.

(Amends R.S. 13:477(intro.para.) and (24) and 621.24)