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## DIGEST

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HB No. 592

**Abstract:** Authorizes district courts to assign sections or divisions of court with specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

Present law authorizes judges of the 4<sup>th</sup> JDC to assign certain divisions or sections of the court with subject matter jurisdiction over criminal, civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, juvenile, or other specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and adds authority to create a section or division for violent crimes, homicides, misdemeanors, and traffic offenses.

Present law authorizes judges from any judicial district to assign certain divisions or sections of the court with subject matter jurisdiction over criminal, civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, juvenile, violent crimes or homicides, or other specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and adds authority to create a section or division for misdemeanors and traffic offenses.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:587.2(A) and 587.4(A))