DIGEST

Kostelka (SB 133)

Present law relative to district courts provides that respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned randomly within multi-judge divisions or sections, the judges of any judicial district court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may designate certain divisions or sections of the court as a specialized division or section having 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, changes "certain divisions or sections" to "a certain division or divisions or sections" and adds misdemeanor jurisdiction.

Present law relative to the Fourth Judicial District Court provides that respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned randomly within multi-judge sections, the judges of the Fourth Judicial District Court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may assign certain divisions of the court to a criminal section and certain divisions to a civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, juvenile, or other section of the court.

Proposed law provides that respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned randomly within multi-judge divisions or sections, the judges of such district court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may designate a certain division or divisions or sections of the court as a specialized division or section having criminal, civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, misdemeanor, juvenile, violent crimes or homicides, or other specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

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

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