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New law adds authority to create a section or division for misdemeanors and traffic offenses.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 25, 2012).

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