Prior law provided for the creation of a new judgeship on Jan. 1, 2015, or when the former Division H becomes vacant. Further provided that the judge and his successors shall preside over Division J, and the subject matter jurisdiction of Division J shall be limited to family matters as provided by law. Further prevented the jurisdiction of any other judge of the district from being affected by the creation of the judgeship.

New law removes the provision which allows for the creation of a new judgeship when the former Division H becomes vacant. New law further adds juvenile matters to the subject matter jurisdiction for Division J and prevents the reduction of term of office for any other judge of the district. Provides that a vacancy shall be created by death, resignation, retirement, or any other reason.

New law requires the judgeship comprising of Division G to be abolished on midnight on Dec. 31, 2014.

New law provides for the creation of a new judgeship effective Jan. 1, 2015, to preside over Division K with limited subject matter jurisdiction over family and juvenile matters as provided by law. Further prevents the jurisdiction or term of office of any other judge from being reduced or affected by the new judgeship.

New law authorizes the judges on the 21st JDC, by en banc order, to assign and transfer all family matters in Division G or H, should a vacancy occur in either division prior to Dec. 31, 2014. Provides that a vacancy shall be created by death, resignation, retirement, or any other reason.

New law requires the judges to be elected at large for a six-year term at the congressional election held in 2014 and every sixth year thereafter.

New law requires the judges and their successors to receive the same compensation and expense allowances from the same sources and in the same manner as the other judges in the 21st JDC.

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(Amends R.S. 13:621.21(B); Adds R.S. 13:621.21(C), (D), (E), and (F))