

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 527 by Representative Pearson

COURTS: Relative to Family Court in the 22nd Judicial District Court

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes retroactive application language.
2. Makes technical amendments.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for 12 judges for the 22nd JDC for the parishes of St. Tammany and Washington.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (uncodified law) creates two additional district judgeships for the 22nd JDC and provides for their respective divisions and specific subject matter jurisdiction.

Proposed law codifies present law and creates two additional district judgeships for the 22nd JDC for the parishes of St. Tammany and Washington.

Proposed law provides for the two judgeships to preside over Divisions K and L respectively with subject matter jurisdiction limited to family and juvenile matters.

Proposed law provides the term "family and juvenile matters" to include all actions arising under Titles IV, V, and VII of Book I, and Title VI of Book III of the La. Civ. Code, and ancillaries, the Louisiana Children's Code, adoptions under the La. Civ. Code, actions involving protection from family violence pursuant to current law (R.S. 46:2131 et seq.) and actions for enforcement, collection of support, and paternity pursuant to present law (R.S. 46:236.5) and actions involving and incidental to certain matters.

Proposed law authorizes subject matter jurisdiction of Divisions K and L to include contempt, civil warrants, writs of habeas corpus, curatorship, change of name, prenuptial or separate property agreements, interspousal donations, lesions, and challenge to consent judgment.

Proposed law provides that the judges and their successors will be elected in the same manner and serve the same terms of office, and receive the same compensation and expenses as the other judges of the 22nd JDC.

Proposed law prohibits the jurisdiction or term of office of any other judge from being affected or reduced by the creation of the judgeships.

Proposed law requires prospective application and includes all actions taken by Divisions K and L of the 22nd JDC.

Proposed law provides for a severability clause.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:621.22; Repeals Section 2 of Act No. 344 of the 2008 R.S.)