

Prior law provided for the Municipal Court and Traffic Courts of New Orleans and the judgeships and clerks of court for each court and their respective salaries, terms of office, qualifications, powers and duties, and employees and personnel. Prior law further provided for jurisdiction of the courts and procedures relative to trials and appeals, judicial administrators, judicial expense funds and use of such funds, quarters for the court, additional costs, and enumeration of fees and fines.

New law consolidates the Municipal Court of New Orleans and the Traffic Court of New Orleans and creates the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans and provides for its jurisdiction.

New law transfers the four judges from the traffic court to the consolidated court and creates four additional judgeships to be comprised of Divisions "E", "F", "G", and "H".

New law provides for one clerk of court and judicial administrator for the consolidated court and creates a consolidated judicial expense fund for the consolidated court.

New law authorizes the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office and the Constable's Office for the city of New Orleans, to provide security detail for the consolidated court.

New law provides that the senior and administrative judge of the municipal court shall serve as the senior and administrative judge of the consolidated court for the remainder of his term in office, unless he declines, in which case the judges of the consolidated court, sitting en banc will choose the judge to serve in the position.

New law provides for the senior judge of the New Orleans Traffic Court to serve as the vice senior and administrative judge of the consolidated court and have the same rights and privileges as the senior and administrative judge.

New law creates the New Orleans Municipal and Traffic Court Task Force and provides for its members and responsibilities, and further requires the task force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations 30 days prior to the 2015 R.S. of the Legislature.

Prior law authorized the commissioner of administration to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the BioDistrict New Orleans to allow for certain state property to be utilized as the new civil district court site.

New law retains prior law and adds authorization for the commissioner to transfer the property site to the city of New Orleans or enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement relative to such property, either for the appraised value or in exchange for value equivalent to the appraised value.

Sections 8 and 5 of this Act effective June 23, 2014; all other sections become effective on Jan. 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 13:2491, 2492, 2493, 2493.1(A)(intro. para.), (B), (C), and (D), 2495, 2495.1(A), 2496.1, 2496.2(A), 2496.3(A), (B), (E), (F), (G)(intro. para.), (3) and (5), 2496.4, 2497, 2498(A), (B), and (C), 2499, 2500(A) and (B), 2500.1, 2500.2, 2500.4, 2501, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2519(A), and §1 of Act 277 of the 2013 R.S.; Repeals R.S. 13:2501.1, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2507.1, and 2509)