LOCAL OFFICIALS. Requires mayors who are authorized to conduct mayor's court or municipal court to undergo certain training. (8/1/22)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:441(D), relative to Mayor's court; to provide relative to training requirements for mayors and magistrates; to provide relative to verification of training; to provide relative to continuing education; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:441(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART G. MUNICIPAL COURTS

§441. Mayor's court

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D. Every mayor or magistrate presiding over a mayor's court pursuant to this Subpart shall be required to receive training within ninety days of assuming status as presiding authority, either online or in-person, which training shall be provided by the Louisiana Supreme Court. This training shall include ethics and training on judicial and legal procedures related to mayor's courts. The Legislative Auditor shall verify attendance at this training and assist the Supreme Court in providing this training. Following the initial training
requirements, presiding mayors and magistrates shall receive, each year,

continuing education as prescribed by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton III.

DIGEST

Present law provides that there will be a mayor's court with jurisdiction over all violations of municipal ordinances.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that every mayor or magistrate presiding over a mayor's court pursuant to proposed law will be required to receive training within 90 days of assuming status as presiding authority, either online or in-person, which training will be provided by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Provides the training will include ethics and training on judicial and legal procedures related to mayor's courts. Requires the Legislative Auditor to verify attendance at the training and assist the Supreme Court in providing the training. Following the initial training requirements, presiding mayors and magistrates are required, each year, to receive continuing education as prescribed by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 33:441(D))