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SB 165 Engrossed

DIGEST
2025 Regular Session

Miller

Present law (R.S. 15:1109) provides that the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District is hereby established as a political subdivision of the state, with a territorial jurisdiction throughout the 23rd, 29th, and 40th Judicial Districts, including the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist.

Proposed law retains present law and includes Lafourche Parish in the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District.

Present law provides that the commission shall be composed of a board of 14 commissioners.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the board of commissioners shall be composed as follows:

- (1) Five commissioners shall be jointly appointed, for terms of four years, by the sheriffs of the 23rd Judicial District.
- (2) Two commissioners shall be appointed, for terms of four years, by the sheriff of St. Charles Parish.
- (3) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the sheriff of St. John the Baptist Parish.
- (4) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 23rd JDC.
- (5) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 29th JDC.
- (6) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 40th JDC.
- (7) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 23rd JDC.
- (8) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 29th

JDC.

- (9) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 40th JDC.

Proposed law changes present law composition of the board of commissioners as follows:

- (1) Three commissioners shall be jointly appointed, for terms of four years, by the sheriffs of the 23rd JDC.
- (2) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the sheriff of Lafourche Parish.
- (3) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the sheriff of St. Charles Parish.
- (4) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the sheriff of St. John the Baptist Parish.
- (5) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 17th JDC.
- (6) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 23rd JDC.
- (7) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 29th JDC.
- (8) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the district attorney of the 40th JDC.
- (9) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 17th JDC.
- (10) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 23rd JDC.
- (11) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 29th JDC.
- (12) One commissioner shall be appointed, for a term of four years, by the chief judge of the 40th JDC.

Present law provides that all commissioner appointments shall be confirmed by the Senate.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the board of commissioners shall be domiciled in the parish of St. James.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that the board of commissioners shall be domiciled in Lafourche Parish.

Present law provides that the board generally may perform any function and exercise any power necessary, requisite, or proper for the administration and management of the affairs of the commission and, specifically, may cooperate with juvenile courts and other courts and public agencies within the 23rd, 29th, and 40th judicial districts to aid and assist in all ways authorized by law for the purposes and responsibilities for which the commission is established.

Proposed law retains present law and adds juvenile courts and other courts and public agencies within the 17th JDC as entities that may aid and assist the district in all ways authorized by law for the purposes and responsibilities for which the commission is established.

Present law provides that in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist, in all felony and misdemeanor prosecutions, including traffic offenses, under state law or parish or municipal ordinance, in any district, parish, city, or mayor's court, special costs in an amount not to exceed five dollars, shall be levied against every defendant who is convicted after trial, enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeits bond.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that any district, parish, city, or mayor's court in Lafourche Parish to the parishes that may levee a fine not to exceed five dollars to every defendant who is convicted after trial, enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeits bond

Present law provides that in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist, in all courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction, special costs in an amount not to exceed five dollars shall be levied against every juvenile who is found to have committed a traffic violation, under state law or parish or municipal ordinance, and special costs in an amount not to exceed \$25 shall be levied against every juvenile who is adjudicated a delinquent.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that all courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction in Lafourche Parish to the parishes that may levee against every juvenile who is found to have committed a traffic violation, under state law or parish or municipal ordinance, and special costs in an amount not to exceed \$25 against every juvenile who is adjudicated a delinquent.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109.11, 1109.12(A), 1109.13, 1109.16(A), and 1109.17)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.