

ACT No. 272

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:713(A) and (B)(2)(e) and (l) and (3)(d) and to repeal R.S.
3 13:713(B)(2)(m) and (3)(c), relative to court commissioners of the 19th Judicial
4 District Court; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioners; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:713(A) and (B)(2)(e) and (l) and (3)(d) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §713. Commissioners; duties; powers; contempt

10 A. Commissioners of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court shall perform
11 such duties as are assigned to them by the chief judge of the district in accordance
12 with rules which shall be prescribed by the elected judges of the court, not
13 inconsistent herewith or with the constitution and laws of the state. Such duties shall
14 include but shall not be limited to hearing and recommendation of disposition, when
15 necessary, of any civil, criminal, or domestic violence matter which may be assigned
16 by rule of court or by any judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court and hearing
17 and recommendation of disposition, when necessary, of criminal and civil
18 proceedings arising out of the incarceration of state prisoners. In such proceedings,
19 the commissioners may hold hearings at the facilities where the state prisoners are
20 incarcerated.

21 B.

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23 (2) In criminal matters, the powers and duties of the commissioners shall
24 include but are not limited to the power to:

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1 (e) Hear and dispose of preliminary motions prior to filing the bill of
2 information or indictment and make recommendations, when necessary, to the
3 district judge.

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5 ~~(1) Review and act on petitions for protective orders and matters of domestic~~
6 ~~violence, including the issuance of temporary orders of protection and temporary~~
7 ~~restraining orders, until such time as hearings may be conducted on the matters.~~
8 Issue protective orders if a condition of bail or if required by statute.

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10 (3) In civil matters, the powers and duties of the commissioners shall include
11 but are not limited to the power to:

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13 (d) Conduct hearings regarding protective orders, ~~and make~~
14 ~~recommendations to the appropriate district judge for issuance of a preliminary or~~
15 ~~permanent injunction.~~

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17 Section 2. R.S. 13:713(B)(2)(m) and (3)(c) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____