

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 154

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

CLERKS OF COURT. Provides that functions of the West Baton Rouge Parish jury commission be performed by the clerk of court. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 404(K), relative to jury commissions; to provide
3 for the functions of the jury commission in the parish of West Baton Rouge; to
4 transfer the functions of the jury commission to the clerk of court of West Baton
5 Rouge Parish; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 404(K) is hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 Art. 404. Appointment of jury commissions; term of office; oath; quorum;
11 performance of functions of jury commissions in certain parishes

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13 **K. In the parish of West Baton Rouge, the function of the jury**
14 **commission shall be performed by the clerk of court of West Baton Rouge**
15 **Parish or by a deputy clerk of court designated by the clerk in writing to act in**
16 **his stead in all matters affecting the jury commission. The clerk of court or his**
17 **designated deputy shall have the same powers, duties, and responsibilities, and**

1 shall be governed by all applicable provisions of law pertaining to jury
2 commissioners. The clerk of court of West Baton Rouge Parish shall perform
3 the duties and responsibilities otherwise imposed upon him by law with respect
4 to jury venires, shall coordinate the jury venire process, and shall receive the
5 compensation generally authorized for a jury commissioner.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for a jury commission in each parish to perform certain functions including coordination of the jury venire process.

Proposed law retains present law except it requires the function of the jury commission be performed by the clerk of court of West Baton Rouge Parish or by a deputy clerk of court designated by the clerk in writing to act in his stead.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 404(K))