

ACT No. 119

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 525

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2133(C) and to enact R.S. 46:2133(D), relative to venue in
3 applications for protection from family violence; to provide for proper venue in
4 certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:2133(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:2133(D)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2133. Jurisdiction; venue; standing

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10 C. Notwithstanding the venue provisions of Subsection B of this Section, in
11 a judicial district comprised of multiple parishes, if a court determines that it is in the
12 interest of justice to afford the parties a more expeditious hearing than current
13 docketing scheduling would permit, or to comply with the time provisions provided
14 for by this Part, a judge or hearing officer may conduct a hearing in any parish within
15 the judicial district.

16 D. An adult may seek relief under this Part by filing a petition with the court
17 alleging abuse by the defendant. Any parent, adult household member, or district
18 attorney may seek relief on behalf of any minor child or any person alleged to be

1 incompetent by filing a petition with the court alleging abuse by the defendant. A
2 petitioner's right to relief under this Part shall not be affected by leaving the
3 residence or household to avoid further abuse.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____