RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 520 (SB 123)

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Perry

<u>Prior law</u> requires that where a city court is composed of two or more divisions, a candidate for nomination and election to the court, at the time of filing his declaration as a candidate, designate the division of the court for which he is a candidate. Provides that the judge oldest in point of continuous service shall be the presiding judge, except that when they have served continuously the same length of time, the judge oldest in years shall be the presiding judge.

<u>New law</u> makes <u>prior law</u> applicable only to city courts with more than two divisions. Changes reference from "presiding judge" to "chief judge".

New law, relative to city courts composed of two divisions, requires that a candidate declare the division of the court for which he is a candidate at the time of filing his declaration as a candidate, provides for the determination of the chief judge of the court, provides for the duties of the chief judge, provides that the chief judge shall remain in such position until resignation or retirement, and allows the judges, sitting en banc, to develop a procedure for the other judge to become a temporary chief judge in the event of the incapacitation of the chief presiding judge.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 13:1878)