
DIGEST

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HB 295 Engrossed

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Hill

Abstract: Establishes the magistrate judge position in the Fourteenth Judicial District Court and provides for the qualifications, duties, term, salary, and election of the magistrate judge.

Proposed law provides for the creation of the magistrate judge of the 14th JDC, to be elected from election sections one and three combined. The salary of this position shall be equal to 75% of the salary paid to judges of the 14th JDC. The magistrate judge will have jurisdiction over criminal matters that do not involve certain felony matters.

Proposed law provides that the elected term of the magistrate judge begins on Jan. 1, 2021. The magistrate judge shall serve for a term of six years, the position shall be full-time, and the magistrate judge is prohibited from practicing law.

Proposed law requires the magistrate judge to possess the same qualifications of a district court judge as outlined in Article V, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(Adds R.S. 13:589)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Outline the required qualifications for all magistrate judge candidates.