
DIGEST

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HB 53 Reengrossed

2020 Regular Session

Jefferson

Abstract: Eliminates the requirement that the judges of the 2nd Judicial District Court reside in the parish where the Division is located.

Present law provides for three district court judges in the Second Judicial District Court to be elected from the district at large for six-year terms.

Proposed law retains the present law provision for the election of judges from the district at large for six-year terms, but eliminates the requirement that the judge who presides over Division "A" be a resident of Claiborne Parish, that the judge who presides over Division "B" be a resident of Jackson Parish, and that the judge who presides over Division "C" be a resident of Bienville Parish.

Proposed law retains the uncodified provision of present law with regard to the composition of the Second Judicial District and proposed law provides that Division A shall be located in Claiborne Parish, Division B shall be located in Jackson Parish, and Division C shall be located in Bienville Parish.

Proposed law requires the judge elected to serve in the Second Judicial District to reside within the district but proposed law does not require that the judge elected to serve reside within the parish where the division is located.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:621.2; Repeals Act No. 669 of the 1999 R.S.)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add an effective date based on the signature of the governor.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide for the location of each division.

2. Require the judge elected to serve to reside within the district.
3. Provide that the judge elected to serve is not required to reside within the parish in which the division is located.