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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Clarifies interruptions of continuous service for the determination of city court chief judge.

Present law provides that the chief judge of a city court with two divisions shall be selected based upon his amount of years in continuous service if not selected by agreement.

Proposed law further delineates continuous service based on years of service as a judge in any court, years as a licensed attorney, and years of age.

Proposed law specifies interruptions of continuous service which include the following:

- (1) The removal of a judge by the Louisiana Supreme Court or resignation of a judge.
- (2) The non-reelection of a judge for a subsequent term of office.
- (3) The taking of a leave of absence by a judge for 30 days or more within any 12 month period of time without the agreement of the judges.

Proposed law provides that if a judge is reinstated, reelected, or returns to work from a leave of absence of 30 days or more, continuous service shall commence anew.

Proposed law provides that a leave of absence by a judge for less than 30 days shall not be an interruption of continuous service, but the number of days on leave of absence shall not be credited towards a judge's amount of years in continuous service.

(Amends R.S. 13:1878(B); Adds R.S. 13:1878(C), (D), and (E))