

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 504

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

COURTS/DISTRICT: Provides relative to family and juvenile court divisions for the Fourteenth Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:621.14(C) and to repeal RS. 13:587, relative to the Fourteenth
3 Judicial District; to provide relative to divisions of the court with limited or
4 specialized jurisdiction; to provide relative to the judges of the Fourteenth Judicial
5 District; to provide relative to the juvenile and domestic relations division of the
6 Fourteenth Judicial District Court; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:621.14(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §621.14. Fourteenth Judicial District

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11 C. ~~In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:587, the~~ The judges elected
12 to serve in the judgeships designated as Divisions A and C shall continue to exercise
13 jurisdiction over family and juvenile matters, subject to the provisions of that
14 Section.

15 Section 2. R.S. 13:587 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the authority from the judges of the 14th JDC to designate and assign, by majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, any or all types of juvenile and domestic relations matters of which the court has jurisdiction.

Present law provides for a Division J and limits the subject matter of Division J to family and juvenile matters and defines what family and juvenile matters include.

Present law provides for the jurisdiction of Divisions A and C over family and juvenile matters.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the judges of the 14th JDC may, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, designate and assign to one or more divisions of the court any or all types of juvenile matters of which the court has jurisdiction and any or all types of domestic relations matters of which the court has jurisdiction. Provides further that the authority conferred by present law does not prohibit the assignment by a majority vote of the court en banc of other matters to a designated division to which it assigns juvenile or domestic relations matters, nor the assignment of any juvenile or domestic relation matters to any other division of the court.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:621.14(C); Repeals R.S. 13:587)