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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the establishment of the St. Helena Parish Court.

Proposed law establishes the "The Parish Court for the Parish of St. Helena."

Proposed law fixes the territorial jurisdiction of the parish court as extending throughout the parish of St. Helena.

Proposed law provides that the civil jurisdiction of the court shall be concurrent with that of the district court, within its territorial boundaries, when the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed the jurisdictional amounts provided in C.C.P. Art. 4842(A). Provides that in suits for possession of leased premises where the amount of the rental does not exceed the jurisdictional amounts provided in C.C.P. Art. 4844(A), the court shall have civil jurisdiction concurrent with the district court. Provides further that in case of reconventional demands, interventions, and third party oppositions filed in the court and necessarily connected with or growing out of the main demand, the court shall retain jurisdiction irrespective of the amount in dispute or the value of the property involved.

Proposed law provides that the court shall not have jurisdiction in civil matters involving successions or probate matters; where a succession is the defendant; in divorce proceedings; in matters concerned with adoption, emancipation, interdiction or filiation of persons; when the state, political corporation, parish or other political subdivision is a party defendant; where title to immovable property is involved; in election contests; in a case where a state, parish or other public official is involved in his official capacity, or where the right to office or other public position is involved; over civil or political rights; or where a federal or state law or a parish or municipal ordinance is sought to be invalidated, or cases involving the appointment of receivers or liquidators for corporations or partnerships.

Proposed law confers criminal jurisdiction concurrent with that of the district court of offenses committed within its territorial limits, but not extending to capital crimes or offenses with is punishable by imprisonment or hard labor under the laws of this state and for violations and enforcement of the parish ordinances of St. Helena.

Proposed law provides for a juvenile court division, when in session under the provision of laws applicable to juvenile courts.

Proposed law provides for one judge to be elected by the qualified electors of the parish of St.

Helena, who is to serve a six-year term and possesses the same qualifications that are required of district judges. Provides further for the salary of the judge and parish court employees.

Proposed law provides that the judge shall sit and hold court a minimum of four days per week in the municipality of Greensburg for the purpose of hearing any matter within the jurisdiction of the court.

Proposed law provides for the powers of the judge.

Proposed law provides for the annual vacation of the judge and temporary appointment of an attorney who possesses the same qualifications required of the judge.

Proposed law provides for duties of the clerk and court reporter.

Proposed law provides relative to duties of the sheriff and district attorney for the 21st JDC.

Proposed law provides that the governing authority of the parish of St. Helena shall provide suitable space for the operation of the court.

Proposed law establishes the Judicial Expend Fund.

(Adds R.S. 13:2566)