

SENATE BILL NO. 186

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:1878(C), relative to the determination of a chief judge for city courts; to provide relative to interruptions of continuous service for the determination of chief judge; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1878(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1878. Declaration of candidates for office; determination of chief judge

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**C.(1) Continuous service is interrupted at the occurrence of any of the following:**

**(a) The removal, or suspension without pay, of a judge by the Louisiana Supreme Court or resignation of a judge.**

**(b) The nonreelection of a judge for a subsequent term of office.**

**(c) The taking of a leave of absence by a judge for thirty days or more within any twelve-month period of time without the agreement of the other judges. However, the taking of a leave of absence by a judge for medically necessary reasons shall not interrupt continuous service.**

**(2) If continuous service is interrupted pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, it shall commence anew when a judge is reinstated, reelected, or returns to work from a leave of absence of thirty days or more.**

**(3) Continuous service shall not be interrupted, but shall be suspended**

1            when a judge takes a leave of absence of less than thirty days or, if agreed to by  
2            the other judges, thirty or more days. A judge shall not receive credit towards  
3            his amount of continuous service for the number of days on leave of absence.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_