

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 5

BY SENATOR WHEAT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS. Provides for the jurisdictional limit for the City Court of Hammond. (8/1/25)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843(E) and (G), relative to jurisdictional limits of city courts; to provide relative to the amount in dispute when the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court; to provide with respect to the jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Hammond; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843(E) and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 4843. City court jurisdiction; amount in dispute; injunctive actions by state or political subdivision

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E. In the City Court of Breaux Bridge, ~~the City Court of Hammond~~, the City Court of Houma, the City Court of Jeanerette, the City Court of Jennings, the City Court of Monroe, the City Court of New Iberia, the City Court of Oakdale, and the City Court of Winnfield, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not

1 exceed thirty thousand dollars.

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3 G. In the City Court of Alexandria, the City Court of East St. Tammany, the  
4 City Court of Hammond, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of  
5 Pineville, the City Court of Ruston, the City Court of Sulphur, and the Third Ward  
6 City Court of Franklin, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in  
7 cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not  
8 exceed fifty thousand dollars.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie Baxter Payer.

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DIGEST

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Present law (C.C.P Art. 4843) provides for certain city courts, currently including the City Court of Hammond, to have jurisdiction concurrent with district courts in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$30,000.

Present law provides for certain city courts to have jurisdiction concurrent with the district courts in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$50,000.

Proposed law removes the City Court of Hammond from city courts in which jurisdiction is concurrent with district courts in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$30,000, and adds the City Court of Hammond to city courts in which jurisdiction is concurrent with district courts where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$50,000.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends C.C.P. Arts. 4843(E) and (G))