DIGEST

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Moreno HB No. 607

Abstract: Abolishes two judgeships in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and designates certain sections as special divisions of the court.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the creation of a new section of court and judgeship to be designated as Section "D" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and authorizes the judge to appoint a crier and stenographer for the section.

<u>Proposed law</u> abolishes Section "D" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the first judgeship that becomes vacant by death, resignation, retirement, or removal on or after Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight to be abolished the following day.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the designation of Sections "A" and "D" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court as the special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over child in need of care proceedings.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except that it removes Section "D" as special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over child in need of care proceedings, effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight and further provides for all cases allotted to Section "D" to be reallotted equally by the clerk of court to the remaining sections of court.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the designation of Sections "B", "C", "E", and "F" as the special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over delinquency proceedings.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> until such time as one of the sections of court becomes vacant due to death, resignation, retirement, or removal on or after Dec. 31, 2014, at which time, all cases of the abolished section will be reallotted equally by the clerk of court among the remaining sections of the court.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the creation of a new section of the court, in addition to the existing sections and one new judgeship who shall preside over the new section to be designated as Section "F". Further authorizes the judge to appoint a crier and stenographer for his section of court to perform the same duties and receive the same compensation as similar officials in other sections of court.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except that it removes Section "D" as an existing section of the court.

Effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight.

(Amends R.S. 13:1568.3, 1595, and 1595.1)