

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 483

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

CIVIL/VENUE: Provides for venue in actions involving a latent disease

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 42, relative to venue; to provide for  
3 general rules of venue; to provide for venue for actions involving a latent disease;  
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 42 is hereby amended and reenacted to  
7 read as follows:

8 Art. 42. General rules

9 A. The general rules of venue are that an action against:

10 (1) An individual who is domiciled in the state shall be brought in the parish  
11 of his domicile; or if he resides but is not domiciled in the state, in the parish of his  
12 residence.

13 (2) A domestic corporation, a domestic insurer, or a domestic limited  
14 liability company shall be brought in the parish where its registered office is located.

15 (3) A domestic partnership, or a domestic unincorporated association, shall  
16 be brought in the parish where its principal business establishment is located.

17 (4) A foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company licensed to do  
18 business in this state shall be brought in the parish where its principal business  
19 establishment is located as designated in its application to do business in the state,

1 or, if no such designation is made, then in the parish where its primary place of  
2 business in the state is located.

3 (5) A foreign corporation or a foreign limited liability company not licensed  
4 to do business in the state, or a nonresident who has not appointed an agent for the  
5 service of process in the manner provided by law, other than a foreign or alien  
6 insurer, shall be brought in the parish of the plaintiff's domicile or in a parish where  
7 the process may be, and subsequently is, served on the defendant.

8 (6) A nonresident, other than a foreign corporation or a foreign or alien  
9 insurer, who has appointed an agent for the service of process in the manner  
10 provided by law, shall be brought in the parish of the designated post office address  
11 of an agent for the service of process.

12 (7) A foreign or alien insurer shall be brought in the parish of East Baton  
13 Rouge.

14 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph A of this Article, in an  
15 action involving a latent disease, including but not limited to asbestos or silica-  
16 related disease, the plaintiff may begin the action only in the parish where the  
17 wrongful conduct occurred or in the parish where the damages were sustained.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Limits proper venue for actions involving a latent disease, including asbestosis or silica-related disease, to the parish where the wrongful conduct occurred or the parish where the damages were sustained.

Present law provides general rules of venue for actions against individuals, domestic and foreign corporations, limited liability companies, unincorporated associations, and partnerships, and foreign and alien insurers.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that notwithstanding the provisions of present law, proper venue for actions involving a latent disease, including asbestosis or silica-related disease, is limited to the parish where the wrongful conduct occurred or the parish where the damages were sustained.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 42)