

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1134

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COURTS: Provides that a parish or city court has no jurisdiction in a case where a foreign corporation is a plaintiff

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4847(A)(7) and to enact Code of  
3 Civil Procedure Article 4847(A)(8), relative to jurisdiction of parish and city courts;  
4 to limit the jurisdiction of parish and city courts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4847(A)(7) is hereby amended and  
7 reenacted and Code of Civil Procedure Article 4847(A)(8) is hereby enacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 Art. 4847. Limitations upon jurisdiction

10 A. Except as otherwise provided by law, a parish court or city court has no  
11 jurisdiction in any of the following cases or proceedings:

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13 (7) A case where a foreign corporation is a plaintiff.

14 (8) Any other case or proceeding excepted from the jurisdiction of these  
15 courts by law.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that a parish or city court has no jurisdiction in any case where a foreign corporation is a plaintiff.

Present law provides that a parish or city court has no jurisdiction in any of the following cases or proceedings:

- (1) A case involving title to immovable property.
- (2) A case involving the right to public office or position.
- (3) A case in which the plaintiff asserts civil or political rights under the federal or state constitutions.
- (4) A claim for annulment of marriage, divorce, separation of property, or alimony.
- (5) A succession, interdiction, receivership, liquidation, habeas corpus, or quo warranto proceeding.
- (6) A case in which the state, or a parish, municipal, or other political corporation is a defendant, except for a petition for nullity filed in the City Court of Slidell to nullify a judgment of bond forfeiture rendered by the City Court of Slidell.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a parish or city court has no jurisdiction in any case where a foreign corporation is a plaintiff.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4847(A)(7); Adds C.C.P. Art. 4847(A)(8))