

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 445 By Senator Crowe

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

JUDGES. Provides for elimination of two judges from the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. (See Act)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Provides that an additional reason for a vacancy to occur in the judgeship is disqualification from exercising any judicial function pursuant to order of the Supreme Court.
2. Adds provision that the judgeship is abolished on the following day after the event causing the vacancy.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Present law 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.

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

Proposed law requires the first judgeship that becomes vacant by death, resignation, retirement, disqualification from exercising any judicial function pursuant to order of the Supreme Court, or removal during the term of office shall be abolished the following day.

Proposed law requires the allocation of any funding from the city of New Orleans for judgeships to be allocated for juvenile services within the city of New Orleans upon the abolishment of those judgeships provided for in proposed law.

Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes Section "D" as special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over child in need of care proceedings, effective Dec. 31, 2015, at midnight and further provides for all cases allotted to Section "D" to be reallocated equally by the clerk of court to the remaining sections of court.

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

Proposed law retains present law until such time as one of the sections of court becomes vacant due to death, resignation, retirement, disqualification by order of the Supreme Court, or removal of a judge, at which time, all cases of the abolished section will be reallocated equally by the clerk of court among the remaining sections of the court.

Present law 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.

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

Effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight as to the reduction of court Section D.

Effective August 1, 2014 as to the remainder of the Act.

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

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