

Existing law provides for 12 judges for the 22nd JDC for the parishes of St. Tammany and Washington.

Existing law (uncodified law) creates two additional district judgeships for the 22nd JDC and provides for their respective divisions and specific subject matter jurisdiction.

Existing law(uncodified law) provides for the two judgeships to preside over Divisions K and L respectively with subject matter jurisdiction limited to family and juvenile matters.

New law codifies existing law.

New law provides the term "family and juvenile matters" to include all actions arising under Titles IV, V, and VII of Book I, and Title VI of Book III of the La. Civ. Code, and ancillaries, actions arising under the Louisiana Children's Code, adoptions under the La. Civ. Code, actions involving protection from family violence pursuant to current law (R.S. 46:2131 et seq.) and actions for enforcement, collection of support, and paternity pursuant to existing law (R.S. 46:236.5).

New law authorizes subject matter jurisdiction of Divisions K and L to include contempt, civil warrants, writs of habeas corpus, curatorship, change of name, prenuptial or separate property agreements, interspousal donations, lesions, and challenge to consent judgment.

Existing law (uncodified law) provides that the judges and their successors will be elected in the same manner and serve the same terms of office, and receive the same compensation and expenses as the other judges of the 22nd JDC.

Existing law (uncodified law) prohibits the jurisdiction or term of office of any other judge from being affected or reduced by the creation of the judgeships.

New law codifies existing law.

New law requires prospective application and includes all actions taken by Divisions K and L of the 22nd JDC and provides for a severability clause.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 23, 2014).

(Amends R.S. 13:621.22; Repeals Section 2 of Act No. 344 of the 2008 R.S.)