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## DIGEST

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HB 525 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that in a judicial district comprised of multiple parishes, in certain circumstances, a judge or hearing officer may conduct a hearing in any parish within the judicial district.

Present law provides that any court in this state empowered to hear family or juvenile matters shall have jurisdiction over domestic abuse proceedings.

Present law provides that venue is proper in the parish where: (1) the marital domicile is located or where the household is located; (2) the defendant resides; (3) the abuse is alleged to have been committed; (4) the petitioner resides; or (5) an action for annulment of marriage or for a divorce could be brought under present law.

Proposed law provides that in a judicial district comprised of multiple parishes, if a court determines that in the ends of justice to afford the parties a more expeditious hearing than current docketing scheduling would permit, or to comply with the time provisions provided for by present law, a judge or hearing officer may conduct a hearing in any parish within the judicial district.

(Amends R.S. 46:2133(C); Adds R.S. 46:2133(D))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Replaces reference to "emergency situations" with a provision authorizing the court to determine if the ends of justice afford the parties a more expeditious hearing.