The original instrument was prepared by Ashley Menou. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jerry Guillot.

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<u>Present law</u> requires that where a city court is composed of two or more divisions, a candidate for nomination and election to the court, at the time of filing his declaration as a candidate, designate the division of the court for which he is a candidate. Provides that the judge oldest in point of continuous service shall be the presiding judge, except that when they have served continuously the same length of time, the judge oldest in years shall be the presiding judge.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes <u>present law</u> applicable only to city courts with more than two divisions. Changes reference <u>from</u> "presiding judge" <u>to</u> "chief judge".

<u>Proposed law</u>, relative to city courts composed of two divisions, requires that a candidate declare the division of the court for which he is a candidate at the time of filing his declaration as a candidate, provides for the determination of the chief judge of the court, provides for the duties of the chief judge, provides that the chief judge shall remain in such position until resignation or retirement, and allows the judges, sitting en banc, to develop a procedure for the other judge to become a temporary chief judge in the event of the incapacitation of the chief presiding judge.

Effective August 1, 2018.

SB 123 Reengrossed

(Amends R.S. 13:1878)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Changes "presiding judge" to "chief judge".
- 2. Provides for the determination of a chief judge based on certain qualifications if such chief judge is not selected by agreement.