
DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the jurisdiction of mayor's courts to include the collection of certain utility debts.

Proposed law expands the current jurisdiction of mayor's courts to allow for the collection of municipal utility debts. This jurisdiction shall be concurrent with the district courts where the amount in question does not exceed \$5,000. If the amount in question exceeds the jurisdictional limits of the mayor's court, the action shall be transferred to a court of proper jurisdiction. Additionally, the court shall appoint a lawyer to serve as a court magistrate to hear all civil utility debt suits. This magistrate will have the ability to impose court costs against the debtor not to exceed \$35.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:441(A)(5))