

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILL, DWIGHT, AND MOSS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/MAGISTRATES: Provides for a magistrate judge in the 14th JDC

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:589, relative to the Fourteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for the
3 creation of a magistrate judge position; to provide relative to the election, term,
4 salary, and duties of the magistrate judge; to provide for qualifications; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:589 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §589. Fourteenth Judicial District Court; magistrate judge

9 A. The office of magistrate judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court
10 is hereby created and shall be an elected position. The magistrate judge shall be
11 elected from election sections one and three combined. The initial election shall
12 occur in the fall of 2020 and the elected term shall begin January 1, 2021. The
13 magistrate judge shall serve a six-year term. The position is a full-time position, and
14 the magistrate judge is prohibited from practicing law.

15 B. The magistrate judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court shall
16 possess the same qualifications required of the district court judges, as outlined in
17 Article V, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

18 C. The salary of the magistrate judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District
19 Court shall be seventy-five percent of the salary paid to judges of the Fourteenth
20 Judicial District Court per annum, and the salary and related benefits as provided by

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Outline the required qualifications for all magistrate judge candidates.