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Abstract: Designates and limits the subject matter for Divisions A, C, and I of the 14th Judicial District Court (JDC) to family and juvenile matters and changes the election section from which Divisions B and I judges are elected in the 14th Judicial District.

Present law provides that the 14th Judicial District Court shall have nine judges.

Present law provides that two judges (Divisions F and H) shall be elected from election section one, four judges (Divisions B, C, D, and G) shall be elected from election section two, two judges (Divisions A and E) shall be elected from election section three, and one judge (Division I) shall be elected from election sections one and three combined.

Proposed law retains present law except with regard to the election of the judges for Divisions B and I. Proposed law provides that the judge for Division I shall be elected from only election section one instead of being elected from election sections one and three combined and provides that the judge for Division B shall be elected from election section three instead of election section two.

Proposed law provides that the subject matter of Divisions A, C, and I is limited to family and juvenile matters.

For purposes of proposed law, proposed law provides that family and juvenile matters include all actions arising under Titles IV, V, and VII of Book I and Title VI of Book III of the Civil Code and related provisions of the Civil Code Ancillaries, all actions arising under the Children's Code, adoptions arising under the Civil Code, actions involving protection from family violence pursuant to R.S. 46:2131 et seq., and actions for enforcement, collection of support, and paternity pursuant to R.S. 46:236.1.1 et seq.

Proposed law further provides that "juvenile matters" shall include but not be limited to all actions arising under or incidental to the Children's Code.

Proposed law provides that for the purposes of proposed law, family and juvenile matters include all actions incidental to those matters including but not limited to contempt, civil warrants, writs of habeas corpus, curatorship, change of name, prenuptial or separate property agreements, interspousal donations, lesions, and challenge to consent judgment.

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(Amends R.S. 13:621.14)