

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Reengrossed House Bill No. 263 by Representative Seabaugh

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2 after "13:1875(7)," insert "R.S. 40:1231.8(C)(1)(a) and 1237.2(C)(1)(a),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 2, line 10 insert the following:

5 "Section 2. R.S. 13:1875(7) hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1875. Compensation of city judges; particular courts

7 The judges of the following city courts shall receive the salaries provided in  
8 this Section:

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10 (7)(a) The judges of the ~~Shreveport~~ City Court of Shreveport shall receive  
11 the same salary and expenses as provided for district court judges, payable monthly  
12 on their respective warrants. The state shall pay that portion of the salary specified  
13 by R.S. 13:1874(E). The city of Shreveport shall pay the remaining portion of the  
14 salary and expenses in an amount sufficient to equal the salary and expenses of the  
15 district court judges. The judges of the city court of Shreveport shall not engage in  
16 the practice of law.

17 (b) In addition to the salary specified by R.S. 13:1874(E) to be paid by the  
18 state of Louisiana to the judges of the City Court of Shreveport, the state shall pay  
19 to such judges an annual salary of six thousand eight hundred eleven dollars. In  
20 addition to the salary paid such judges by the state, they shall be paid an annual  
21 salary of twelve thousand dollars payable monthly on their respective warrants by  
22 the city of Shreveport, and the governing authority of the city of Shreveport shall pay  
23 such additional salary as they deem proper. The judges of the City Court of  
24 Shreveport shall not engage in the practice of law.

25 (c) The judges of the City Court of Shreveport shall not engage in the  
26 practice of law, except any judge may serve as the attorney member on a medical  
27 review panel pursuant to R.S. 40:1231.8 or 1237.2.

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30 Section 3. R.S. 40:1231.8(C)(1)(a) and R.S. 40:1237.2(C)(1)(a) are hereby  
31 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

32 §1231.8. Medical Review Panel

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35 C. \* \* \*

36 (1)(a) The office of the clerk of the Louisiana Supreme Court, upon receipt of  
37 notification from the board, shall draw five names at random from the list of  
38 attorneys who reside or maintain an office in the parish which would be proper

1 venue for the action in a court of law. ~~The~~ Except as provided in R.S. 13:1875(7),  
 2 the names of judges, magistrates, district attorneys and assistant district attorneys  
 3 shall be excluded if drawn and new names drawn in their place. After selection of  
 4 the attorney names, the office of the clerk of the supreme court shall notify the  
 5 board of the names so selected. It shall be the duty of the board to notify the  
 6 parties of the attorney names from which the parties may choose the attorney  
 7 member of the panel within five days. If no agreement can be reached within five  
 8 days, the parties shall immediately initiate a procedure of selecting the attorney  
 9 by each striking two names alternately, with the claimant striking first and so  
 10 advising the health care provider of the name of the attorney so stricken;  
 11 thereafter, the health care provider and the claimant shall alternately strike until  
 12 both sides have stricken two names and the remaining name shall be the attorney  
 13 member of the panel. If either the plaintiff or defendant fails to strike, the clerk of  
 14 the Louisiana Supreme Court shall strike for that party within five additional  
 15 days.

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 17 §1237.2. Sate Medical Review Panel

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19 C.(1) \* \* \*

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 21 (a) The office of the clerk of the Louisiana Supreme Court, upon receipt of  
 22 notification from the commissioner, shall draw five names at random from the list  
 23 of attorneys who reside or maintain an office in the parish which would be proper  
 24 venue for the action in a court of law. ~~The~~ Except as provided in R.S. 13:1875(7),  
 25 the names of judges, magistrates, district attorneys, and assistant district attorneys  
 26 shall be excluded if drawn and new names drawn in their place. After selection of  
 27 the attorney names, the office of the clerk shall notify the office of the  
 28 commissioner of the names so selected. It shall be the duty of the office of the  
 29 commissioner to notify the parties of the attorney names from which the parties  
 30 may choose the attorney member of the panel within five days. If no agreement  
 31 can be reached within five days, the parties shall immediately initiate a procedure  
 32 of selecting the attorney by each striking two names alternately, with the claimant  
 33 striking first and so advising the state or the person covered by this Part of the  
 34 name of the attorney so stricken; thereafter, the state or the person covered by this  
 35 Part and the claimant shall alternately strike until both sides have stricken two  
 36 names and the remaining name shall be the attorney member of the panel. If  
 37 either party fails to strike, the clerk shall strike for that party within five  
 38 additional days.

39 Section 4. Section 2 shall become effective on August 1, 2031."