

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**HB 263**

**2021 Regular Session**

**Seabaugh**

Present law prohibits judges of the City Court of Shreveport from engaging in the practice of law.

Proposed law would have retained present law and additionally would have authorized judges of the City Court of Shreveport to serve as an attorney member on a medical review panel.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 13:1875(7) and R.S. 40:1231.8(C)(1)(a) and 1237.2(C)(1)(a))

### **VETO MESSAGE:**

"This bill, as finally passed, would carve out an exception to the prohibition of a judge, magistrate, district attorney, or assistant district attorney being chosen to serve on a medical review panel for purposes of the review required for a medical malpractice lawsuit. This would establish the only carve out within the medical review panel process to date. Because this carve out would only exist until August 1, 2031, it can only be assumed that it is intentional and for a specific individual in the City of Shreveport. Best practices have always ensured the legislature pass laws for the general and not the specific."