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## DIGEST

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HB 1069 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires attorneys to be appointed as magistrates for and preside over mayor's courts and provides for the requirements to be appointed as a magistrate.

Present law provides for mayors' courts for cities, towns, and villages throughout the state and provides that the mayor is the presiding official of each such court.

Proposed law requires mayors' courts to be presided over by magistrates, removes the mayors as the presiding officer of such courts, and provides that the governing authority of each city, town, and village may appoint an attorney as the magistrate of the magistrate court.

Proposed law requires that every magistrate be an attorney licensed to practice law in this state and that the attorney be in good standing with the La. State Bar Association.

Proposed law prohibits an elected official of the city, town, or village from being appointed by the governing authority as magistrate.

Present law provides for the imposition of various court costs.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:441-447.16, 448(C) and (D), 449(C), 450(C), 451(C), 452, 453(B), 454(B), 455(B), 456(B), and 457(B))