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## DIGEST

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HB 636 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the establishment of the City Court of Central.

Proposed law establishes the "City Court of Central."

Proposed law fixes the territorial jurisdiction of the city court as extending throughout the city of Central, La.

Proposed law provides that the civil jurisdiction and the pleadings, practice and procedure of the court shall be as provided by law. Provides an exception for the jurisdictional amounts provided in C.C.P. Art. 4843 for the City Court of Central.

Proposed law confers criminal jurisdiction concurrent with that of the district court of offenses committed within its territorial limits, but not extending to capital crimes or offenses with is punishable by imprisonment or hard labor under the laws of this state and exclusive criminal jurisdiction for violations of the ordinances of Central.

Proposed law provides for one judge to be elected by the qualified electors presiding within the territorial boundaries of the court, who is to serve a six-year term, who shall be a duly licensed and practicing attorney in active practice for at least five years preceding the election and who is a duly qualified elector and resident of the city of Central. Provides further that the judge shall hold no other public office except that of a notary public or military reserve membership and that the salary of the judge shall be fixed by the city council until changed by the council by ordinance.

Proposed law provides that the judge shall approve competent court reporters charged with the duty of taking testimony in all record cases and authorizes the judge to appoint a suitable person to be clerk of the city court for both civil and criminal sections who shall perform the clerical duties of the court. Provides further that the city clerk of court shall receive a salary fixed by the city council.

Proposed law provides that the city court shall be composed of a judge, a city clerk, and an executive officer who shall function as a marshal. Provides further that the city of Cental shall provide suitable space for its operation together with necessary supplies for holding court and shall provide suitable furnished offices for the judge, marshal, and city clerk.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(H); Adds R.S. 13:2490)