

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 552**

**2024 Regular Session**

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COURTS: Authorizes the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court to hold certain sessions of court west of the Mississippi River

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds purposes for holding court in Plaquemines Parish west of the Mississippi River.
2. Clarifies that the court may hold civil and criminal sessions on non-jury matters and summary proceedings.
3. Provides that proposed law shall not be construed as legislative approval of the removal or relocation in any manner of the Plaquemines Parish courthouse.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law authorizes district judges to fix terms of court and hold sessions of court in accordance with the number of parishes in the district.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that in the interest of judicial efficiency and to promote access to affordable legal representation, the judge in the 25th JDC may hold civil and criminal sessions on non-jury matters and summary proceedings at a designated location in Plaquemines Parish west of the Mississippi River.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not be construed as legislative approval of the removal or relocation in any manner of the Plaquemines Parish courthouse.

(Adds R.S. 13:501(B)(4))