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SB 1 Reengrossed

2024 Third Extraordinary Session

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Present constitution grants the supreme court exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against a member of the bar.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provision but further grants the court original jurisdiction for proceedings against any lawyer specially admitted by a court of this state for a particular proceeding, and any lawyer not admitted in this state who practices law or renders or offers to render any legal services in this state.

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to establish trial courts of limited jurisdiction having parishwide territorial jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction throughout the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes establishment of trial courts of limited or specialized jurisdiction by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Present constitution provides that district courts have exclusive original jurisdiction of felony cases and cases involving title to immovable property, except family court jurisdiction involving movable and immovable property cases related to partition of community property and settlement of claims arising from matrimonial regimes in divorce or annulment proceedings.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provision but specifically provides that except as authorized in the constitution, the district court has exclusive original jurisdiction involving felony cases and cases involving immovable property as provided in the present constitution.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on March 29, 2025, or at another statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 5(B), 15(A), and 16(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Makes technical change.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Changes the election date from November 15, 2025 to March 29, 2025.
3. Grants the supreme court exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against any lawyer specially admitted by a court of this state for a particular proceeding, and any lawyer not admitted in this state who practices law or renders or offers to render any legal services in this state.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the reengrossed bill:

1. Change the ballot language.