

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 571**

**2026 Regular Session**

**LaFleur**

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to creating the Complex Litigation Section Program in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Extends the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program until July 31, 2028.

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

Present law provides for definitions and provides certain factors to determine if a case may be referred to the Complex Litigation Section.

Present law authorizes the 19th JDC to establish the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program and provides for additional filing fees in complex litigation cases.

Present law provides that the clerk of court may demand and receive a filing of \$200 for each case referred to the Complex Litigation Section.

Present law requires the clerk of court to collect and forward all monies generated pursuant to present law to the 19th JDC for placement into a separate account designated as the Complex Litigation Section Fund. Requires the court to keep accurate records, cause an annual audit to be conducted, and file the audit with the office of the legislative auditor.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program to be effective for two years unless extended by the legislature.

Proposed law amends present law to extend the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program until July 31, 2028.

(Amends R.S. 13:842.4(D))