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Hunter, et al. HB No. 763

Abstract: Authorizes the judges of the 4th JDC, by court rule, to assign certain divisions of the court to a criminal, civil, drug court, juvenile, or other section of the court.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the judges of the 4th JDC, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, to assign certain divisions of the court to a criminal section and certain divisions to a civil, drug court, juvenile, or other section of the court.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the court from assigning any division to a section for longer than three years, without the consent of the judge of that division.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all divisions of court retain general jurisdiction even if assigned to a specified section of the court.

(Adds R.S. 13:587.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Judiciary</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Authorizes the judges of the 4th JDC to assign divisions of the court to specified sections of the court, including criminal, civil, juvenile, drug court, or other section of court.
- 2. Prohibits the judge of a division from being assigned to a specified section for longer than three years without the judge's consent.
- 3. Provides that all divisions shall retain general jurisdiction to hear all matters.