

New law 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.

New law prohibits the court from assigning any division to a section for longer than three years, without the consent of the judges of that division.

New law provides that all divisions of court retain general jurisdiction even if assigned to a specified section of the court.

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(Adds R.S. 13:587.2)