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HOUSE BILL NO. 763

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COURTS/DISTRICT: Authorizes the Fourth Judicial District Court to
designate matters to be heard by specific divisions of the court

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:587.2, relative to the Fourth Judicial District Court; to
3 authorize the judges by court rule to assign matters to be heard by
4 specified divisions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been
6 published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of
7 the Constitution of Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:587.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §587.2. Fourth Judicial District; divisions; subject matter

11 A. Respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be
12 assigned randomly within multi-judge sections, the judges of the Fourth
13 Judicial District Court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges
14 sitting en banc, may assign certain divisions of the court to a criminal
15 section and certain divisions to a civil, drug court, juvenile, or other
16 section of the court.

1 B. No rule adopted by the court may assign any division,
 2 without its consent, to any section for a longer period than three years.

3 C. Notwithstanding any principal assignment to sections, all
 4 divisions of the court shall retain general jurisdiction to hear all
 5 matters.

DIGEST

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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.

Proposed 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.

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

Proposed law 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 House Committee on Judiciary to the original 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.