

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 402

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL AND SENATOR MILLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS: Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Breaux Bridge

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(F), relative to city courts; to
3 provide relative to city court jurisdiction; to increase the jurisdictional amount in
4 dispute for the City Court of Breaux Bridge; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(F) is hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 Art. 4843. City court jurisdiction; amount in dispute; injunctive actions by state or
10 political subdivision

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12 F. In the City Court of Breaux Bridge, the City Court of Crowley, the City
13 Court of Hammond, the City Court of Jeanerette, the City Court of Jennings, the City
14 Court of New Iberia, the City Court of Monroe, the City Court of Oakdale, ~~and~~ the
15 City Court of Rayne, and the City Court of Winnfield, the civil jurisdiction is
16 concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value
17 of the property involved, does not exceed thirty thousand dollars.

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19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases civil jurisdiction for the City Court of Breaux Bridge to \$30,000.

Present law provides that, unless specified otherwise, generally the civil jurisdiction of a city court is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$15,000.

Present law provides that in the city courts of Crowley, Hammond, Jeanerette, Jennings, New Iberia, Monroe, Oakdale, Rayne, and Winnfield, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute or the value of the property involved does not exceed \$30,000.

Proposed law adds the City Court of Breaux Bridge to those city courts having civil jurisdiction where the amount in dispute or the value of the property involved does not exceed \$30,000.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(F))