

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 607

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO

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

COURTS/JUVENILE: Provides for the elimination of two judgeships from the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1568.3, 1595, and 1595.1, relative to Orleans Parish Juvenile
3 Court judges; to designate special divisions of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court; to
4 abolish specific judgeships upon the expiration of terms or vacancy in the Orleans
5 Parish Juvenile Court; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:1595 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1595. Judges; criers and stenographers

9 A. In addition to Sections "A", "B", and "C" of the Juvenile Court for the
10 Parish of Orleans, there is hereby created a new section of ~~said~~ the court to be
11 designated as Section "D". The additional judge herein created shall be known as the
12 judge of Section "D" of the Juvenile Court for the Parish of Orleans. Each judge
13 shall have the right to appoint a crier and stenographer for his own section of ~~said~~ the
14 court, who shall perform the same duties and receive the same compensation,
15 payable in the same manner and from the same sources as similar officials in other
16 sections of the ~~said~~ court. The judge of Section "D" of the juvenile court shall be
17 elected by the voters of Orleans Parish concurrently with the next election for mayor
18 of the city of New Orleans.

1 stenographer for his own section of the court, who shall perform the same duties and
2 receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, and from the same
3 sources as similar officials in other sections of the court.

4 Section 3. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 31, 2014, at
5 midnight.

6 Section 4(A). All cases allotted to Section "D" on December 31, 2014, at midnight
7 shall be reallocated equally by the clerk of court among Sections "A", "B", "C", "E", and "F"
8 on January 1, 2015.

9 Section 4(B). Upon abolishment of the judgeship that becomes vacant by death,
10 resignation, retirement, or removal pursuant to Subsection C of this Act, all cases of the
11 abolished section of court shall be reallocated equally by the clerk of court among the
12 remaining sections of the court.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Abolishes two judgeships in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and designates certain sections as special divisions of the court.

Present law provides for the creation of a new section of court and judgeship to be designated as Section "D" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and authorizes the judge to appoint a crier and stenographer for the section.

Proposed law abolishes Section "D" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight.

Proposed law requires the first judgeship that becomes vacant by death, resignation, retirement, or removal on or after Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight to be abolished the following day.

Present law provides for the designation of Sections "A" and "D" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court as the special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over child in need of care proceedings.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes Section "D" as special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over child in need of care proceedings, effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight and further provides for all cases allotted to Section "D" to be reallocated equally by the clerk of court to the remaining sections of court.

Present law provides for the designation of Sections "B", "C", "E", and "F" as the special divisions of court with exclusive jurisdiction over delinquency proceedings.

Proposed law retains present law until such time as one of the sections of court becomes vacant due to death, resignation, retirement, or removal on or after Dec. 31, 2014, at which time, all cases of the abolished section will be reallocated equally by the clerk of court among the remaining sections of the court.

Present law provides for the creation of a new section of the court, in addition to the existing sections and one new judgeship who shall preside over the new section to be designated as Section "F". Further authorizes the judge to appoint a crier and stenographer for his section of court to perform the same duties and receive the same compensation as similar officials in other sections of court.

Proposed law retains present law except that it removes Section "D" as an existing section of the court.

Effective Dec. 31, 2014, at midnight.

(Amends R.S. 13:1568.3, 1595, and 1595.1)