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SENATE BILL NO. 5

BY SENATOR WHEAT

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843(E) and (G), relative to
3 jurisdictional limits of city courts; to provide relative to the amount in dispute when
4 the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court; to provide with respect to
5 the jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Hammond; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Arts. 4843(E) and (G) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED: _____

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 35:191(V), relative to notaries public; to provide authorization for a notary
3 appointed and qualified in St. Martin Parish and St. Landry Parish to exercise
4 notarial functions in all such parishes, without bonding or further application or
5 examination; to provide for qualifications and conditions; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 35:191(V) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §191. Appointment; qualifications; examination

11 * * *

12 **V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any**
13 **person who is validly appointed notary public in and for the parish of St.**
14 **Martin or the parish of St. Landry is hereby authorized and deemed eligible**
15 **and qualified to exercise any and all of the functions of a notary public in the**
16 **parishes of St. Martin and St. Landry. No additional bonding or further**
17 **application or examination shall be required because of the expanded**
18 **jurisdictional limits authorized by this Subsection.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

ACT No. 243

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(19) and 621.19 and to repeal Section 5(E) of Act No. 145
3 of the 1994 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to
4 the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for the election sections from
5 which judges are elected; to reduce the number of election sections; to provide for
6 the assignment of judgeships to election sections; to provide for a judgeship to be
7 elected at-large; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:477(19) and 621.19 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §477. Judicial districts

12 There shall be forty-one judicial districts in the state and each district shall
13 be composed as follows:

14 * * *

15 (19) The parish of East Baton Rouge shall compose the Nineteenth District.
16 The Nineteenth District shall consist of ~~three~~ two election sections. Election section
17 one shall consist of Precincts ~~INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, INDUSTRIAL~~
18 ~~COMPLEX A, INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX B, 1-1, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-10,~~
19 ~~1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25,~~

1 ~~1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-37, 1-38, 1-40, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50,~~
2 ~~1-51, 1-58, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-77, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-91, 1-92, 1-94,~~
3 ~~1-95, 1-100, 1-101, 2-16, 2-20, and 2-23~~ 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-9, 1-10,
4 1-11, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15, 1-16, 1-17, 1-18, 1-19, 1-20, 1-21, 1-22, 1-23, 1-24, 1-25,
5 1-26, 1-27, 1-28, 1-29, 1-30, 1-31, 1-32, 1-36, 1-37, 1-38, 1-44, 1-45, 1-46, 1-50,
6 1-51, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-58, 1-60, 1-61, 1-62, 1-63, 1-67, 1-68, 1-70, 1-71,
7 1-72, 1-76, 1-77, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-84, 1-85, 1-86, 1-87, 1-88, 1-91, 1-92,
8 1-93, 1-94, 1-95, 1-96, 1-97, 1-100, 1-101, 1-102, 1-104, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-9,
9 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-16, 2-17, 2-18, 2-19, 2-20, 2-21, 2-22, 2-23,
10 2-24, 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 3-8,
11 3-11, 3-24, 3-27, 3-28, 3-32, 3-42, 3-54, and 3-72 of East Baton Rouge Parish.
12 Election section two shall consist of Precincts ~~1-9, 1-52, 1-53, 1-54, 1-55, 1-60, 1-70,~~
13 ~~1-71, 1-72, 1-78, 1-81, 1-82, 1-83, 1-87, 1-88, 1-93, 1-97, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6,~~
14 ~~2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15, 2-17, 2-18, 2-21, 2-22, 2-24, 2-25,~~
15 ~~2-26, 2-26A*, 2-26B*, 3-1, 3-2, 3-6, 3-8, 3-9, 3-12, 3-14, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26, 3-28,~~
16 ~~3-30, and 3-32~~ 1-8, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-39, 1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43, 1-47, 1-48,
17 1-49, 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89,
18 1-90, 1-98, 1-99, 1-103, 1-105, 1-106, 1-107, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-33, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4,
19 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-9, 3-10, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21,
20 3-22, 3-23, 3-25, 3-26, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39,
21 3-40, 3-41, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46, 3-47, 3-48, 3-49, 3-50, 3-51, 3-52, 3-53, 3-55,
22 3-56, 3-57, 3-58, 3-59, 3-60, 3-61, 3-62, 3-63, 3-64, 3-65, 3-66, 3-67, 3-68, 3-69,
23 3-70, 3-71, 3-73, 3-74, 3-75, and 3-76 of East Baton Rouge Parish. Election section
24 three shall consist of Precincts ~~1-2, 1-12, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, 1-39, 1-41, 1-42,~~
25 ~~1-43, 1-47, 1-48, 1-49, 1-56, 1-57, 1-59, 1-64, 1-65, 1-66, 1-69, 1-73, 1-74, 1-75,~~
26 ~~1-76, 1-79, 1-80, 1-89, 1-90, 1-96, 1-98, 1-99, 1-102, 1-103, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-7, 3-10,~~
27 ~~3-11, 3-13, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-27, 3-29, 3-31,~~
28 ~~3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, and 3-38~~ of East Baton Rouge Parish.

1 §621.19. Nineteenth Judicial District

2 The Nineteenth Judicial District Court shall have fifteen judges. ~~Five~~ Seven
3 judges shall be elected from election section one, ~~five~~ seven judges shall be elected
4 from election section two, and ~~five judges shall be elected from election section three~~
5 one judge shall be elected at large. The judgeships designated as Divisions A, D, J,
6 K, L, M, and O are assigned to election section one; the judgeships designated as
7 Divisions C, E, F, G, H, I, and N are assigned to election section two; and the
8 judgeship designated as Division B shall be elected at large.

9 Section 2. Section 5(E) of Act No. 145 of the 1994 Third Extraordinary Session of
10 the Legislature of Louisiana is hereby repealed.

11 Section 3. (A) The precincts referenced in this Act are those contained in the file
12 named "2025 Precinct Shapefiles (01-16-2025)" available on the Legislature of Louisiana's
13 website on the effective date of this Section. The 2025 Precinct Shapefiles are based upon
14 those Voting Districts (VTDs) contained in the 2020 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line
15 Shapefiles for the State of Louisiana as those files have been modified and validated through
16 the data verification program of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana
17 Senate to represent precinct changes submitted through January 16, 2025, to the Legislature
18 of Louisiana by parish governing authorities pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:532 and
19 532.1.

20 (B) When a precinct referenced in this Act has been subdivided by action of the
21 parish governing authority on a nongeographic basis or subdivided by action of the parish
22 governing authority on a geographic basis in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
23 18:532.1, the enumeration in this Act of the general precinct designation shall include all
24 nongeographic and all geographic subdivisions thereof, however such subdivisions may be
25 designated.

26 (C) The territorial limits of the districts as provided in this Act shall continue in
27 effect until changed by law regardless of any subsequent change made to the precincts by
28 the parish governing authority.

1 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

ACT No. 272

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:713(A) and (B)(2)(e) and (l) and (3)(d) and to repeal R.S.
3 13:713(B)(2)(m) and (3)(c), relative to court commissioners of the 19th Judicial
4 District Court; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioners; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:713(A) and (B)(2)(e) and (l) and (3)(d) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §713. Commissioners; duties; powers; contempt

10 A. Commissioners of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court shall perform
11 such duties as are assigned to them by the chief judge of the district in accordance
12 with rules which shall be prescribed by the elected judges of the court, not
13 inconsistent herewith or with the constitution and laws of the state. Such duties shall
14 include but shall not be limited to hearing and recommendation of disposition, when
15 necessary, of any civil, criminal, or domestic violence matter which may be assigned
16 by rule of court or by any judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court and hearing
17 and recommendation of disposition, when necessary, of criminal and civil
18 proceedings arising out of the incarceration of state prisoners. In such proceedings,
19 the commissioners may hold hearings at the facilities where the state prisoners are
20 incarcerated.

21 B.

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23 (2) In criminal matters, the powers and duties of the commissioners shall
24 include but are not limited to the power to:

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1 (e) Hear and dispose of preliminary motions prior to filing the bill of
 2 information or indictment and make recommendations, when necessary, to the
 3 district judge.

4 * * *

5 (l) ~~Review and act on petitions for protective orders and matters of domestic~~
 6 ~~violence, including the issuance of temporary orders of protection and temporary~~
 7 ~~restraining orders, until such time as hearings may be conducted on the matters.~~
 8 Issue protective orders if a condition of bail or if required by statute.

9 * * *

10 (3) In civil matters, the powers and duties of the commissioners shall include
 11 but are not limited to the power to:

12 * * *

13 (d) Conduct hearings regarding protective orders, ~~and make~~
 14 ~~recommendations to the appropriate district judge for issuance of a preliminary or~~
 15 ~~permanent injunction.~~

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17 Section 2. R.S. 13:713(B)(2)(m) and (3)(c) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

ACT No. 305

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(A)(3), relative to legal holidays; to provide relative to
3 clerks of court holidays; to extend the legal holiday of the Washington Parish Free
4 Fair; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 1:55(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §55. Days of public rest, legal holidays, and half-holidays

8 A. The following shall be days of public rest and legal holidays and
9 half-holidays:

10 * * *

11 (3) In the parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St.
12 Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, St. Tammany,
13 Iberia, St. Martin, Ascension, Washington, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry,
14 Evangeline, Cameron, Assumption, St. Mary, Acadia, Vermilion, Iberville, Pointe
15 Coupee, West Baton Rouge, Lafourche, East Feliciana, and West Feliciana, and in
16 all municipalities, Mardi Gras shall be a holiday when the governing authorities so
17 declare by ordinance. The school boards of the parishes of Acadia and Lafayette may
18 declare Mardi Gras and the International Rice Festival in Crowley a holiday for
19 public school children of those parishes. In the parish of Washington, the ~~Friday of~~

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: _____

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, in conjunction with the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, and the Louisiana Department of Justice, to study and make recommendations on court costs in suits involving the state and political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial District Court serves as the state district court in the capital of Louisiana, handling litigation involving state agencies included in R.S. 36:4(A) as well as many other state and local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial District Court stands apart from other district courts in that it is the proper venue for the majority of suits filed by or against the state of Louisiana or any state agency under the provisions of R.S. 13:5104; and

WHEREAS, although these suits filed by the state or any state agency require the same handling as any other civil suit filing, the state as a filing party does not pay any advanced costs based upon the provisions of R.S. 13:4521; and

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial District Court is burdened with the expenses associated with a proceeding until such a time, which is indeterminable or may never occur, that there is a resolution to the proceeding; and

WHEREAS, each year the state accrues an additional debt owed to the Nineteenth Judicial District Court of approximately \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, the overall outstanding balance for unpaid advanced costs owed by the state presently exceeds \$7 million based upon a review of the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority to establish the full amount of the expenses that the Nineteenth Judicial District Court absorbs from proceedings filed by the state and political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to identify a dedicated funding source to defray the costs associated with these proceedings and compensate the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, in conjunction with the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, the East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, and the Louisiana Department of Justice, to study and make recommendations on court costs in suits involving the state and political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE