Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 573

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONICA

CIVIL/JURY TRIALS: Reduces the monetary amount in controversy necessary for a jury trial

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 1732(1), relative to jury trials; to |
| 3 | provide for the limitations on the availability of jury trials; to reduce the monetary |
| 4 | amount in controversy; and to provide for related matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 1732(1) is hereby amended and reenacted |
| 7 | to read as follows: |
| 8 | Art. 1732. Limitation upon jury trials |
| 9 | A trial by jury shall not be available in: |
| 10 | (1) A suit where the amount of no individual petitioner's cause of action |
| 11 | exceeds fifty ten thousand dollars, exclusive of interest and costs. |
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Reduces the monetary amount in controversy necessary for a jury trial from \$50,000 to \$10,000.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a trial by jury shall not be available in a suit where the amount of no individual petitioner's cause of action exceeds \$50,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

<u>Proposed law</u> reduces the monetary amount in controversy necessary for a jury trial <u>from</u> \$50,000 to \$10,000, exclusive of interests and costs.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 1732(1))

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