

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 592

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:587.2(A) and 587.4(A), relative to district courts; to provide  
3 relative to designation of specialized divisions or sections in district courts; to  
4 provide relative to the designation of a special division or section of the Fourth  
5 Judicial District Court; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:587.2(A) and 587.4(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §587.2. Fourth Judicial District; divisions; subject matter

10 A. Respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned  
11 randomly within multi-judge sections, the judges of the Fourth Judicial District  
12 Court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may ~~assign~~  
13 ~~certain divisions of the court to a criminal section and certain divisions to a civil,~~  
14 ~~drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, juvenile, or other~~  
15 ~~section of the court.~~ designate a certain division or section of the court as a  
16 specialized division or section having criminal, civil, drug court, driving while  
17 intoxicated court, mental health court, misdemeanor, traffic, juvenile, violent crimes  
18 or homicides, or other specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

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20 §587.4. District courts; specialized divisions or sections; subject matter

21 A. Respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned  
22 randomly within multi-judge divisions or sections, the judges of any judicial district  
23 court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may designate  
24 ~~certain~~ a certain division or divisions or sections section of the court as a specialized  
25 division or section having criminal, civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court,

1 mental health court, misdemeanor, traffic, juvenile, violent crimes or homicides, or  
2 other specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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