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Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 241

BY SENATOR MURRAY

COURTS. Provides relative to civil jurisdiction of a city court in New Orleans. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4843(E) and to enact Code of Civil
3	Procedure Art. 4843(I), relative to the civil jurisdiction of city courts; to provide
4	relative to civil jurisdiction of a city court in New Orleans; to increase the civil
5	jurisdictional amount in dispute; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
6	related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4843(E) is hereby amended and reenacted
9	and Code of Civil Procedure Art. 4843(I) is hereby enacted 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 Abbeville, the City Court of Baker, the City Court of
14	Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of Eunice, the City Court of
15	Kaplan, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court
16	of Monroe, the City Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City
17	Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Plaquemine, the City Court of Port Allen, the

City Court of Ruston, the City Court of Shreveport, the City Court of Sulphur, the City Court of Winnsboro, and the City Court of Zachary, 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 twenty-five thousand dollars.

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I. In a city court in New Orleans 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 fifty thousand dollars.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for a city court in New Orleans is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$25,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for a city court in New Orleans <u>from</u> \$25,000 <u>to</u> \$50,000.

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

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(E) and adds C.C.P. Art. 4843(I))