
DIGEST

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HB 356 Engrossed

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Abstract: Grants parish courts, city courts, and small claims divisions jurisdiction over claims to enforce parish or municipal ordinances brought by individuals and neighborhood associations.

Present law provides that parish courts and city courts in which the population of territorial jurisdiction is greater than 50,000 may hear claims brought by governmental entities to enforce parish or municipal ordinances or state law without limit on the amount in dispute.

Proposed law provides that parish and city courts may also hear claims brought by individuals or neighborhood associations seeking to enforce parish or municipal ordinances provided the jurisdiction of the court doesn't exceed the jurisdictional limitations as provided in present law.

Present law authorizes city courts to establish small claims divisions with civil subject matter jurisdiction in cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed \$5,000.

Proposed law provides that a small claims division of a city court may also hear claims brought by individuals or neighborhood associations seeking to enforce parish or municipal ordinances, subject to the \$5,000 jurisdictional limit.

(Amends C.C.P. Arts. 4842(B) and 4843(B) and R.S. 13:5202(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change proposed law criteria that the court has jurisdiction irrespective of the amount in dispute or the value of the property involved to provide instead that the court has jurisdiction up to the jurisdictional limitations as provided in present law.