

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

COURTS/CITY: Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Crowley and the City Court of Rayne

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(C) and (F), relative to the civil
3 jurisdiction of city courts; to increase the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute in the
4 City Court of Crowley and in the City Court of Rayne; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(C) and (F) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

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

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12 C. In the City Court of Bossier City, the City Court of Lafayette, the City
13 Court of Ville Platte, and any city court in which the population of the territorial
14 jurisdiction is less than fifty thousand, except as otherwise specifically provided by
15 law, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the
16 amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed fifteen
17 thousand dollars.

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19 F. In the City Court of Crowley, City Court of Hammond, the City Court of
20 Jennings, ~~and~~ the City Court of Oakdale, and the City Court of Rayne, the civil

1 jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute,
2 or the value of the property involved, does not exceed thirty thousand dollars.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Crowley and the City Court of Rayne from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Present law provides that the civil jurisdiction of a city court in which the population of the territorial jurisdiction is less than 50,000 is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed \$15,000.

Present law provides that the civil jurisdiction of specified city courts ranges from \$15,000 to \$35,000 and, in two city courts, to an amount not to exceed the amount that gives rise to the right to demand a jury trial.

Proposed law increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Crowley and the City Court of Rayne to \$30,000.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(C) and (F))