

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 548

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND

COURTS: Provides procedures for the allotment of cases in the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1343(A), relative to the Criminal District Court for the Parish  
3 of Orleans; to provide for the random allotment of cases among the judges of the  
4 court; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:1343(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1343. Allotment of cases among judges; holding of preliminary examination not  
8 ground for recusation

9 A. All cases pending in the criminal district court shall be allotted equally  
10 among Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and L of the court, based on the day  
11 of the week the crime occurred. Except on Sundays, legal holidays, and legal half-  
12 holidays, the allotment of cases shall be made public by classes daily at noon by the  
13 clerk or a deputy clerk selected by him, in the presence of the district attorney. The  
14 fact the accused was committed for trial at a preliminary examination shall not be  
15 grounds for the recusation of the trial judge who held the preliminary examination.

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DIGEST

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Richmond

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**Abstract:** Provides that the random allotment of cases for the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans shall be based on the day of the week the crime occurred.

Present law requires that all cases pending in the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans be allotted equally among the sections of the court.

Proposed law requires that all cases pending in the criminal district court shall be allotted equally among the sections of the court, based on the day of the week the crime occurred.

(Amends R.S. 13:1343(A))