

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/CITY: Increases the jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Shreveport

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H), relative to the  
3 jurisdictional amount in dispute for city courts; to increase the jurisdictional amount  
4 in dispute for the City Court of Shreveport; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H) are hereby amended and  
7 reenacted to read as follows:

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

10 \* \* \*

11 E. In the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court  
12 of Eunice, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City  
13 Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City Court of Opelousas, the  
14 City Court of Plaquemine, the City Court of Port Allen, ~~the City Court of Shreveport,~~  
15 the City Court of Sulphur, and the City Court of Winnsboro, the civil jurisdiction is  
16 concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value  
17 of the property involved, does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

18 \* \* \*

19 H. In the City Court of Alexandria, the City Court of Pineville, the City  
20 Court of Slidell, the City Court of Shreveport, and the City Court of Ruston, 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 the amount provided in Article  
3 1732(1) for purposes of demanding a jury trial.

---

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

Patrick Williams

HB No. 9

**Abstract:** Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Shreveport from \$25,000 to an amount that does not exceed the amount for purposes of demanding a jury trial.

Present law provides that in the City Court of Shreveport, 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 \$25,000.

Present law also provides that in the City Court of Alexandria, the City Court of Pineville, the City Court of Slidell, and the City Court of Ruston, 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 the amount triggering the right to demand a jury trial.

Proposed law increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute in the City Court of Shreveport from \$25,000 to an amount that does not trigger the right to demand a jury trial (a cause of action exceeding \$50,000 exclusive of interest and costs).

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 4843(E) and (H))