

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR KOSTELKA

COURTS. Provides relative to designation by judges of specialty divisions or sections in district courts. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:587.2(A) and 587.4(A), relative to courts and judicial
3 procedure; to provide relative to district courts; to provide relative to designation by
4 judges of speciality divisions or sections; to provide certain procedures, terms and
5 conditions; to provide relative to the Fourth Judicial District Court; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:587.2(A) and 587.4(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §587.2. Fourth Judicial District; divisions; subject matter

11 A. Respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned
12 randomly within multi-judge sections, the judges of the Fourth Judicial District
13 Court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may ~~assign~~
14 ~~certain divisions of the court to a criminal section and certain divisions to a civil,~~
15 ~~drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, juvenile, or other~~
16 ~~section of the court.~~ **designate a certain division or divisions or sections of the**
17 **court as a specialized division or section having criminal, civil, drug court,**

Proposed law provides that respecting seniority and the requirement that all cases be assigned randomly within multi-judge divisions or sections, the judges of such district court, by rule adopted by a majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, may designate a certain division or divisions or sections of the court as a specialized division or section having criminal, civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, misdemeanor, juvenile, violent crimes or homicides, or other specialized subject matter jurisdiction.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:587.2(A) and 587.4(A))