

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 237

BY SENATOR MURRAY

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

COURTS. Provides relative to the jurisdictional limitation of certain city courts. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H), relative to courts of limited jurisdiction; to provide relative to the civil jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars; to provide for the jurisdictional amount in dispute in certain city courts; to provide for the jurisdictional amount in dispute in a city court in New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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E. In the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of Eunice, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court of Natchitoches, ~~a city court in New Orleans~~, the City Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Port Allen, the City Court of Sulphur, and the City Court of Winnsboro, the

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

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5 H. In the City Court of Alexandria, **a city court in New Orleans**, the City
6 Court of Pineville, the City Court of Slidell, and the City Court of Ruston, the civil
7 jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute,
8 or the value of the property involved, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that in the City Court of Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of Eunice, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Port Allen, the City Court of Sulphur, and the City Court of Winnsboro, 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 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 \$50,000.

Proposed law provides that the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved for a city court in New Orleans does not exceed \$50,000.

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

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