

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 37

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COURTS. Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Lafayette. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(C) and (D), relative to courts and jurisdiction; to provide for the civil jurisdiction of certain city courts; to provide relative to the City Court of Lafayette; to provide for an increase in the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Lafayette; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(C) and (D) 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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C. In the City Court of Bossier City, ~~the City Court of Lafayette~~, the City Court of Ville Platte, and any city court in which the population of the territorial jurisdiction is less than fifty thousand, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, 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 fifteen

1 thousand dollars.

2 D. In the City Court of Houma **and the City Court of Lafayette**, the civil
3 jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute,
4 or the value of the property involved, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

Present law provides that, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, civil jurisdiction
for the City Court of Lafayette 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.

Proposed law provides that civil jurisdiction for the City Court of Lafayette is concurrent
with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property
involved, does not exceed \$20,000.

Effective August 1, 2014.

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