

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)

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(C) and (D) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted to read as follows:

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

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13 C. In the City Court of Bossier City, ~~the City Court of Lafayette~~, the City  
14 Court of Ville Platte, and any city court in which the population of the territorial  
15 jurisdiction is less than fifty thousand, except as otherwise specifically provided by  
16 law, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases where the  
17 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.

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#### DIGEST

Cortez (SB 37)

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))