

BY SENATOR MOUNT AND REPRESENTATIVE BRUNEAU AND COAUTHORED BY SENATORS SCHEDLER, DARDENNE, MICHOT AND THEUNISSEN AND REPRESENTATIVES SALTER, SCHNEIDER, BURNS, TOOMY, ALEXANDER, BEARD, BOWLER, CRANE, CROWE, DANIEL, DOVE, DOWNS, GEYMANN, GREENE, JOHNS, KATZ, KENNARD, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LANCASTER, MCVEA, MORRISH, PITRE, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, SCALISE, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, STRAIN, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WALSWORTH AND WINSTON

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1, 471, 474, 477(introductory paragraph), 691(A), 759,  
3 842(A), 846(A)(introductory paragraph), and 901, R.S. 18:402(D), and R.S. 44:71;  
4 to enact R.S. 13:474.1, 477(41), 621.41, 621.42, 621.43, 621.44 through 621.46,  
5 714.1, 714.2, 751.1, 751.2, 751.3, 751.4, 751.5, 841.3, 983, 996.62 through 996.64,  
6 R.S. 33:1500, and Chapter 2-A of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
7 to be comprised of R.S. 44:181 through 185; and to repeal R.S. 9:2745, R.S. 13:1031  
8 through 1147, 1211 through 1212.1, 1271 through 1312, 1335 through 1347, 1371  
9 through 1372, 1377, 1381, and 1381.1 through 1400, R.S. 18:514(B), R.S. 33:1501.1  
10 and 1519.1, and Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
11 of 1950, comprised of R.S. 35:321 through 338, and Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the  
12 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 44:201 through 268, relative  
13 to the reorganization and consolidation of the civil and criminal district courts and  
14 juvenile court, clerk of the civil and criminal district courts, and civil and criminal  
15 sheriffs in and for the parish of Orleans; to provide relative to the register of  
16 conveyances and recordation for the parish of Orleans; to provide, delineate, and

1 otherwise designate the powers, authority, duties, functions, compensation, fees, and  
2 related matters concerning the civil and criminal district courts, clerks of the civil  
3 and criminal courts, the civil and criminal sheriffs, the office and custodian of  
4 notarial records, the office of the register of conveyances, the office of the recorder  
5 of mortgages, and other judicial officers and officials for the parish of Orleans; to  
6 create the Forty-First Judicial District, its subsequent divisions, sections, magistrate,  
7 and commissioners; to abolish the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and transfer its  
8 jurisdiction; to extend the terms of office of the judges of the juvenile court now in  
9 office; to transfer the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to the Forty-First Judicial  
10 District Court; to provide for the juvenile section of the Forty-First Judicial District  
11 Court; to create the Consolidated Judicial Expense Fund for certain courts; to provide  
12 for the consolidation of certain offices and judicial expense funds; to provide for the  
13 election of a single sheriff and clerk of court for the parish of Orleans commencing  
14 with the next election for parochial and municipal officers in Orleans Parish; to  
15 provide for the abolition of the separate offices of the civil and criminal sheriff; to  
16 provide for effective dates; to abolish the office of the register of conveyances, the  
17 office of the recorder of mortgages, and the office and custodian of notarial records;  
18 to provide transitional provisions; to provide for continuation of retirement system  
19 coverage; to provide for the reduction by attrition of judges upon retirement pursuant  
20 to recommendations of the Judicial Council; to direct the Louisiana State Law  
21 Institute to change statutory references necessitated by this Act and to make  
22 recommendations it deems necessary to clarify or modify its provisions, including  
23 the elimination of antiquated provisions; to provide for effective dates; and to  
24 provide for related matters.

25 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

26 Section 1.(A) Legislative intent and authority. The legislature recognizes that there  
27 should be effective, efficient, and economic administration of governmental services at all  
28 levels. It is the intent of the legislature that the public interest is best served by the  
29 elimination, to the fullest extent practicable, of the duplication of effort within local  
30 government in order to expend public funds more efficiently and wisely and to meet more