

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

COURTS/CITY: Increases the civil jurisdictional limits of the City Court of Baker

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4843(E) and (H), relative to city
3 court jurisdiction; to increase the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City
4 Court of Baker; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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11 E. In the City Court of Abbeville, ~~the City Court of Baker~~, the City Court of
12 Bogalusa, the City Court of Bunkie, the City Court of Eunice, the City Court of
13 Kaplan, the City Court of Lake Charles, the City Court of Marksville, the City Court
14 of Monroe, the City Court of Natchitoches, a city court in New Orleans, the City
15 Court of Opelousas, the City Court of Plaquemine, the City Court of Port Allen, the
16 City Court of Ruston, the City Court of Shreveport, the City Court of Sulphur, the
17 City Court of Winnsboro, and the City Court of Zachary, the civil jurisdiction is
18 concurrent with the district court in cases where the amount in dispute, or the value
19 of the property involved, does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

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1 H. In the City Court of Alexandria, the City Court of Baker, and the City
2 Court of Pineville, the civil jurisdiction is concurrent with the district court in cases
3 where the amount in dispute, or the value of the property involved, does not exceed
4 the amount provided in Article 1732(1) for purposes of demanding a jury trial.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Baker.

Present law provides that the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Baker is \$25,000.

Proposed law provides that the civil jurisdictional amount in dispute for the City Court of Baker is an amount not to exceed the minimum amount necessary to give a right to a jury trial.

Proposed law retains present law (C.C.P. Art. 1732(1)) that provides that a jury trial shall not be available in a suit where the amount of no individual petitioner's cause of action exceeds \$50,000 exclusive of interest and costs.

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