

Regular Session, 2008

ACT No. 621

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:61(A) and (B), relative to duties of the Judicial Council; to
3 require the council to adopt determinate standards and guidelines to be applied in
4 determining the necessity of splitting or merging a court; to require the council to
5 provide information to the appropriate standing committees of the House of
6 Representatives or of the Senate as to its recommendations; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:61(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §61. Judicial Council

12 A.(1) The Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana shall adopt
13 determinate standards and guidelines which shall be applied by the council in
14 determining whether to approve the necessity of creating any new judgeship of the
15 supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, city courts, parish courts, juvenile
16 courts, family courts, traffic courts, and municipal courts, including the creation of
17 any new office of commissioner, magistrate, hearing officer, or any other judicial
18 office by whatever other name designated.

19 (2) The Judicial Council shall adopt determinate standards and guidelines
20 which shall be applied by the council in determining whether to approve the
21 necessity of splitting or merging any courts of appeal, district courts, city courts,
22 parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, traffic courts, and municipal courts.

23 B.(1) Before a bill is acted upon by the legislature to create a new judgeship
24 or office designated in ~~Subsection Paragraph A~~ (A)(1) of this Section, a designee of

1 the Judicial Council shall provide information to the appropriate standing
2 committees of the House of Representatives or of the Senate as to approval of the
3 council as to the necessity of creating the new judgeship or office of commissioner,
4 magistrate, or hearing officer.

5 (2) Before a bill is acted upon by the legislature to split or merge courts
6 designated in Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section, a designee of the Judicial Council
7 shall provide information to the appropriate standing committees of the House of
8 Representatives or of the Senate as to approval of the council as to the necessity of
9 splitting or merging the courts.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____