

SENATE BILL NO. 186

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:1878(C), relative to the determination of a chief judge for city courts; to provide relative to interruptions of continuous service for the determination of chief judge; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1878(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1878. Declaration of candidates for office; determination of chief judge

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C.(1) Continuous service is interrupted at the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) The removal, or suspension without pay, of a judge by the Louisiana Supreme Court or resignation of a judge.

(b) The nonreelection of a judge for a subsequent term of office.

(c) The taking of a leave of absence by a judge for thirty days or more within any twelve-month period of time without the agreement of the other judges. However, the taking of a leave of absence by a judge for medically necessary reasons shall not interrupt continuous service.

(2) If continuous service is interrupted pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, it shall commence anew when a judge is reinstated, reelected, or returns to work from a leave of absence of thirty days or more.

(3) Continuous service shall not be interrupted, but shall be suspended

1 when a judge takes a leave of absence of less than thirty days or, if agreed to by
2 the other judges, thirty or more days. A judge shall not receive credit towards
3 his amount of continuous service for the number of days on leave of absence.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____