



1           WHEREAS, House Resolution 30 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature  
2 created the Judicial Structure Task Force to study the caseload data and the number of judges  
3 of each appellate court and district court in the state, to determine the changes necessary to  
4 the existing structure of the judiciary, and to provide the most efficient use of judicial  
5 resources; and

6           WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, the Supreme Court of Louisiana notified the  
7 legislature that the court has undertaken a work point study of the judiciary and anticipates  
8 a final report from the National Center for State Courts in November 2025; and

9           WHEREAS, part of the analysis of judicial efficiency and accountability that will not  
10 be reflected in the work point study is how the judiciary uses taxpayer monies appropriated  
11 to it and fees that it collects; and

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit the amount of  
14 monies received by judges and justices from the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund  
15 and any other monies expended from the fund or from any other judicial compensation-  
16 related source, including self-generated revenues, fees collected by the judiciary, or  
17 externally funded supplements.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
19 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit payment of the  
20 stipend authorized by Act 775 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit all expense  
23 reimbursements received by judges and justices, including a review of internal approval  
24 processes, documentation practices, and adherence to established reimbursement policies.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
26 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to obtain a copy of the final report presented to  
27 the Louisiana Supreme Court from the National Center for State Courts.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
29 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to examine the judiciary's plan to implement any  
30 recommendations from the National Center for State Courts.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor report its findings to the  
2 legislature no later than February 6, 2026.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
4 Louisiana Supreme Court and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

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DIGEST

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Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial accountability, and effectiveness of the state supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts. Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to audit the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, the stipend authorized in Act 775 of the 2024 R.S., and expense reimbursement received by judges. Directs the legislative auditor to obtain a copy of the report by the National Center for State Courts regarding the work point study of the judiciary and examine the judiciary's plan to implement any recommendations. Requires the legislative auditor to report its findings by Feb. 6, 2026.