

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

JUDGES: Provides with respect to annual financial reports on district and local court funding and expenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:82.1, relative to judicial budget reports; to provide for a uniform budget
3 document; to provide for an annual report; to provide for a submission deadline; to
4 provide for the publication of an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:82.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §82.1. Uniform budget document; supreme court annual report

8 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later than October
9 first of each calendar year, the Judicial Administrator shall develop or revise a
10 uniform budget document designed to show itemized revenues and expenditures for
11 district courts, courts of appeal, city courts, municipal courts, and traffic courts.
12 Once finalized, the Judicial Administrator shall cause the form to be distributed to
13 the chief judge of each district court, courts of appeal, city court, municipal court,
14 and traffic court that receives monies pursuant to an appropriation as provided by
15 R.S. 13:83. Each such court shall submit its completed form to the supreme court
16 no later than December thirty-first of that same calendar year. By the deadline set
17 forth in R.S. 39:51(D), the supreme court shall submit a publicly available report
18 containing all completed forms to the legislature and cause the completed forms to
19 be published on its website.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires every court to submit an annual financial report to the supreme court.

Proposed law provides that no later than Oct. 1st of each calendar year, the Judicial Administrator shall develop or revise a uniform budget document designed to show itemized revenues and expenditures for district courts, courts of appeal, city courts, municipal courts, and traffic courts.

Proposed law provides for distribution of the uniform budget document to the chief judge of each district court, courts of appeal, city court, municipal court, and traffic court that receives monies pursuant to an appropriation as provided by present law (R.S. 13:83).

Proposed law provides that each such court shall submit its completed form to the supreme court no later than Dec. 31st of that same calendar year.

Proposed law provides that the supreme court shall submit a publicly available report containing all completed forms to the legislature by the deadline set forth in present law (R.S. 39:51(D)) and cause the completed forms to be published on its website.

(Adds R.S. 13:82.1)