

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

1 A RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the case filing data, case weights, court
2 structure and finance, and the use of support personnel in this study; and

3 WHEREAS, it is also necessary to study the territorial boundaries and the
4 jurisdictional limits of each court.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish the Judicial Structure Task Force to study the
7 caseload data and the number of judges of each appellate court and district court in
8 Louisiana, and to determine the changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary
9 and the most efficient use of judicial resources.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
11 following members:

12 (1) Three members of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the
13 speaker of the House of Representatives.

14 (2) Three members of the House Committee on Judiciary appointed by the
15 speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 (3) The chief justice of the Supreme Court, or his designee.

17 (4) The chair of the Louisiana Conference of Court of Appeals Judges, or his
18 designee.

19 (5) A representative from the Louisiana District Judges Association.

20 (6) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this study, the task force shall
22 have all powers otherwise provided by law and by rules of the House of Representatives, as
23 well as all powers inherent in legislative committees, and that the legislative members shall
24 receive the per diem and mileage authorized by law and in accordance with the rules of the
25 member's house of the legislature.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a member of the House of Representatives on
27 the task force designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve as the
28 chairman of the task force and that the members of the task force shall select any other
29 officers it deems necessary from among its members at the first meeting of task force.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the task force shall cause notice
2 of each meeting of the task force to be provided to the speaker of the House of
3 Representatives, the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and the chairman
4 of the House Committee on Judiciary.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
6 of Louisiana further directs the task force to solicit input, information, data,
7 recommendations, and advice from the following persons, agencies, and organizations in
8 connection with the study directed by this Resolution:

- 9 (1) The Louisiana Supreme Court.
- 10 (2) The Louisiana District Judges Association.
- 11 (3) The Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- 12 (4) The Louisiana District Attorneys Association.
- 13 (5) The Louisiana Public Defender Board.
- 14 (6) The Louisiana State Bar Association.
- 15 (7) The Louisiana Association for Justice.
- 16 (8) The National Center for State Courts.
- 17 (9) Louisiana Association of Business & Industry.
- 18 (10) Any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that the joint committee
19 deems necessary to fulfill its purposes.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of
21 its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Appropriations and the House
22 Committee on Judiciary not later than February 1, 2023, and that such recommendations
23 shall include the following:

- 24 (1) An updated work point study from the National Center for State Courts.
- 25 (2) Data from the National Center for State Courts on district court work flow.
- 26 (3) The caseload data of each appellate court and district court in Louisiana.
- 27 (4) The number of judges in each appellate court and district court in Louisiana.
- 28 (5) A determination of any necessary changes to the existing structure of the
29 judiciary.
- 30 (6) A determination of the most efficient use of judicial resources.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, the chairman of the House Committee
3 on Judiciary, the chief justice of the supreme court, the chair of the Louisiana Conference
4 of Court of Appeals Judges, and the president of the Louisiana District Judges Association.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
6 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
7 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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Establishes the Judicial Structure Task Force to study the caseload data and the number of judges of each appellate court and district court, to determine the changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary and the most efficient use of judicial resources, and to report its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Judiciary no later than Feb. 1, 2023.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed resolution:

1. Add two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate and make changes to provisions regarding per diem and mileage of members related thereto.
2. Specify that the members of the House on the task force are appointed by the speaker of the House.
3. Provide that the chairman is a member of the House designated by the speaker of the House and provide that the task force may select any other officers it deems necessary.