2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 623

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the consent judgment against the state in the matter entitled Shameather Bridgewater wife of/ and Wallace Burton v. St. John the Baptist Parish Government et al.

1	AN ACT
2	To appropriate monies out of the state general fund for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to be used to
3	pay the consent judgment captioned "Shameather Bridgewater wife of/ and Wallace
4	Burton versus St. John the Baptist Parish Government individually and through the
5	Department of Public Utilities, State of Louisiana, through the Department of
6	Transportation and Development" between the state of Louisiana, through the
7	Department of Transportation and Development, and Shameather Bridgewater and
8	Wallace Burton; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. The sum of Thirty-Five Thousand and No/100 ($$35,000$) Dollars is hereby
11	payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for payment of the
12	consent judgment captioned "Shameather Bridgewater wife of/ and Wallace Burton versus
13	St. John the Baptist Parish Government individually and through the Department of Public
14	Utilities, State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development",
15	signed on October 4, 2022, between the state of Louisiana, through the Department of
16	Transportation and Development, and Shameather Bridgewater and Wallace Burton, bearing
17	Number 56394, Division C, on the docket of the Fortieth Judicial District, parish of St. John
18	the Baptist, state of Louisiana.

1	Section 2. The judgment may only be paid from this appropriation if it is final and
2	shall be paid as to principal, interest, court costs, and expert witness fees as awarded in the
3	judgment. If the provisions of the judgment conflict with the provisions of this Act, the
4	provisions of the judgment shall be controlling. Any other provision of this Act not in
5	conflict with the provisions of the judgment shall control. Payment shall be made only after
6	presentation to the state treasurer of documentation required by the state treasurer. Further,
7	the judgment shall be deemed to have been paid on the effective date of this Act, and interest
8	shall cease to run as of that date.
9	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
10	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
11	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
12	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

13 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between the judgment and <u>proposed law</u>. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.