2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVES MAGEE AND MUSCARELLO

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Suspends certain civil filing fee

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To suspend until March 10, 2024, the provisions of R.S. 13:4688 relative to reporting
3	information concerning actions for offenses and quasi offenses.
4	WHEREAS, R.S. 13:4688 requires a clerk of court to submit to the judicial
5	administrator of the Supreme Court of Louisiana information regarding all lawsuits filed in
6	state district court for damages arising from an offense or quasi offense; and
7	WHEREAS, R.S. 13:4688 requires that a processing fee of five dollars for the clerk
8	of court and five dollars for the office of the judicial administrator be taxed as costs of court
9	in each suit on which the required information is submitted by the clerk of court; and
10	WHEREAS, R.S. 13:4688 and LASC Rule Part G, Section 13 became effective in
11	2010 and applicable reports were submitted at that time; and
12	WHEREAS, the data collection required in R.S. 13:4688 began in 1988 with the
13	Department of Insurance in an effort to explore tort reform; and
14	WHEREAS, because the Department of Insurance was unable to adequately analyze
15	the data, Act 706 of the 2010 Regular Session was enacted in order to transfer the data
16	collection to the supreme court; and
17	WHEREAS, the supreme court receives the requested data via "Civil Case Cover
18	Sheet Form"; and
19	WHEREAS, neither LASC Rule Part G, Section 13 nor R.S. 13:4688 provide for the
20	utilization of the information, consequently, the office of the judicial administrator is
21	preparing a formal report of the data collected since 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, in order to provide efficient reporting, it is necessary that the data

- 2 collection be suspended; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the suspension of R.S. 13:4688 also provides for the suspension of the
- 4 processing fee allocated to the clerk of court and the taxable costs allocated to the office of
- 5 the judicial administrator which reduces civil filing fees.
- 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
- 7 the provisions of R.S. 13:4688 relative to reporting information concerning actions for
- 8 offenses and quasi offenses.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
- 10 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through August 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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Suspends R.S. 13:4688 through Aug. 1, 2024, as it relates to the reporting information concerning actions for offenses and quasi offenses to the office of the judicial administrator.

(Suspends R.S. 13:4688)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Change the suspension date of R.S. 13:4688 from March 10, 2024, to Aug. 1, 2024.
- 2. Add a technical amendment.