

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 433

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

JUDGES: Provides with respect to annual financial reports on state 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 for the supreme court shall  
10 develop or revise a uniform budget document designed to show itemized revenues  
11 and expenditures for the supreme court, district courts, courts of appeal, city courts,  
12 municipal courts, and traffic courts. Once finalized, the judicial administrator shall  
13 submit the form to the chief justice of the supreme court. The judicial administrator  
14 shall also cause the form to be distributed to the chief judge of each district court,  
15 court of appeal, city court, municipal court, and traffic court that receives monies  
16 pursuant to an appropriation as provided by R.S. 13:83. Each such court shall submit  
17 its completed form to the supreme court, and the supreme court shall complete its  
18 form, no later than December thirty-first of that same calendar year. By the deadline  
19 set forth in R.S. 39:51(D), the supreme court shall submit a publicly available report

1           containing all completed forms to the legislature and cause the completed forms to  
2           be published on its website.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires reporting of revenues and expenditures for every court.

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

Proposed law provides for submission of the uniform budget document to the chief justice of the supreme court and for distribution of the 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, and the supreme court shall complete its form, 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)