

1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Daniel Aderl Judicial Security
2 and Privacy Act in 2020, after an aggrieved litigant murdered the only son of U.S. District
3 Judge Esther Salas at her personal residence; and

4 WHEREAS, in recent years, an increasing number of judges have been threatened
5 for carrying out their critical work of administering justice; and

6 WHEREAS, personal information about judges and their families, including home
7 addresses, is easily found online; and

8 WHEREAS, it is imperative to find the appropriate balance between the safety of
9 judges and their families and the importance of transparency and accountability in the
10 judiciary.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 acknowledge these increasing threats to judicial officers and seeks to ensure the protection,
13 safety, and security of judicial officers and their families and establish the Judicial Security
14 Task Force.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
16 following members:

17 (1) The chief justice of the supreme court, or his designee.

18 (2) The chair of the Louisiana Conference of Court of Appeal Judges, or his
19 designee.

20 (3) The president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, or his designee.

21 (4) The president of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, or
22 his designee.

23 (5) The president of the Louisiana City Court Judges Association, or his designee.

24 (6) Three members of parish leadership, or their designees, from parishes with
25 varying density populations, appointed by the governor.

26 (7) One member of the Louisiana Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.

27 (8) One member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, appointed by the
28 speaker of the House of Representatives.

29 (9) Three sheriffs, or their designees, from parishes with varying density
30 populations, appointed by the governor.

1 (10) The superintendent of Louisiana State Police, or his designee.

2 (11) Three chiefs of police, or their designees, from parishes with varying density
3 populations, appointed by the governor.

4 (12) A magistrate from a district court, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme
5 court.

6 (13) The president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.

7 (14) One bailiff of a district court, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme
8 court.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, the chair of the Louisiana Conference of
11 Court of Appeals Judges, the president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, the
12 president of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the president of the
13 Louisiana City Court Judges Association, the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police,
14 the chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, the president of the Senate, and the
15 speaker of the House of Representatives, and that the task force established pursuant to this
16 Resolution report its findings and recommendations to the legislature on or before February
17 1, 2025.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force established pursuant to this
19 Resolution shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced
20 pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required
21 by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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Creates the Judicial Security Task Force.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change a member of the task force from a clerk appointed by the supreme court to the president of the clerks of court association.