

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY SENATOR BARROW

COURTS. Requests the Senate Committee on Finance to study court costs in suits involving the state and political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, to
3 study and make recommendations on court costs in suits involving the state and
4 political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court prior to the convening
5 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial District Court serves as the state district court
7 in the capital of Louisiana, handling litigation involving state agencies included in R.S.
8 36:4(A) as well as many other state and local governmental entities; and

9 WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial District Court stands apart from other district
10 courts in that it is the proper venue for the majority of suits filed by or against the state of
11 Louisiana or any state agency under the provisions of R.S. 13:5104; and

12 WHEREAS, although these suits filed by the state or any state agency require the
13 same handling as any other civil suit filing, the state as a filing party does not pay any
14 advanced costs based upon the provisions of R.S. 13:4521; and

15 WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Judicial District Court is burdened with the expenses
16 associated with a proceeding until such a time, which is indeterminable or may never occur,
17 that there is a resolution to the proceeding; and

18 WHEREAS, each year the state accrues an additional debt owed to the Nineteenth

