

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial accountability, and effectiveness of the state Supreme Court, courts of appeals, and district courts

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial
3 accountability, and effectiveness of the state supreme court, courts of appeal, and
4 district courts.

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana holds the constitutional authority to
6 appropriate public funds and to audit the expenditure thereof by all branches of government;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 establish the salary of judges
9 in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, House Resolution 30 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature
11 created the Judicial Structure Task Force to study the caseload data and the number of judges
12 of each appellate court and district court in the state, to determine the changes necessary to
13 the existing structure of the judiciary, and to provide the most efficient use of judicial
14 resources; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, the Supreme Court of Louisiana notified the
16 legislature that the court has undertaken a work point study of the judiciary and anticipates
17 a final report from the National Center for State Courts in November 2025.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to obtain a copy of the final report presented to
20 the Louisiana Supreme Court from the National Center for State Courts.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 authorize and direct the legislative auditor to examine the judiciary's plan to implement any
3 recommendations from the National Center for State Courts.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor report its findings to the
5 legislature no later than April 1, 2026.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 Louisiana Supreme Court and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

DIGEST

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Directs the legislative auditor to obtain a copy of the report by the National Center for State Courts regarding the work point study of the judiciary and examine the judiciary's plan to implement any recommendations. Requires the legislative auditor to report its findings by April 1, 2026.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical amendments.
2. Remove references to previously approved stipends, salary supplements, and reimbursement for certain expenses.
3. Remove provisions authorizing and directing the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit monies, stipends, and expense reimbursements received by the judges.
4. Change the legislative auditor's reporting date from Feb. 6, 2026, to April 1, 2026.