

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

COURTS/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Directs the Louisiana Board of Ethics and the Louisiana  
Legislative Auditor to provide reports on justices of the peace

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the board of ethics to report on the campaign finance reports filed  
3 by justices of the peace and to authorize and direct the legislative auditor to report  
4 on the audits of the justice of the peace courts in the state.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Ethics is charged with the duty of ensuring that  
6 all elected officials maintain ethical standards in their conduct while serving the public; and

7 WHEREAS, all elected officials are required to file campaign finance reports with  
8 the board of ethics; and

9 WHEREAS, the legislative auditor is charged with the duty of auditing the financial  
10 records of certain offices and political subdivisions of the state; and

11 WHEREAS, justice of the peace courts are required by R.S. 24:513(J) to provide  
12 annual financial reports to the legislative auditor; and

13 WHEREAS, it is important that the elected justices of the peace comply with the  
14 requirement of filing their campaign finance reports with the board of ethics, and it is  
15 equally important that the justice of the peace courts file annual financial reports with the  
16 legislative auditor.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the board of ethics to report on the  
19 filings of all elected justices of the peace for the years 2020 through 2025 indicating those  
20 elected officials who have and have not filed their campaign finance reports. The report  
21 shall be provided to the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than thirty days  
22 before the start of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
2 of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to report on the filings  
3 of all justice of the peace courts for the years 2020 through 2025 indicating those courts that  
4 have and have not filed an annual financial report as required by R.S. 24:513(J). The report  
5 shall be provided to the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than February 1,  
6 2026.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of ethics and the legislative auditor  
8 shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to the  
9 Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 23:772.

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#### DIGEST

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Directs the board of ethics and the legislative auditor to report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than Feb. 1, 2026, on the campaign finance reports of elected justices of the peace and financial statements of justice of the peace courts for the years 2020 through 2025.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the statement to be reported by the board of ethics from the annual financial disclosure statement to the campaign finance report.
2. Change the reporting requirement to require that the report compiled by the legislative auditor and the board of ethics be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.