

1 WHEREAS, digital storage of civil court documents may also increase productivity
2 and efficiency by allowing multiple users simultaneous access to a particular case file; and

3 WHEREAS, the use of electronic files in lieu of physical documents reduces the risk
4 of court documents being lost or destroyed in a catastrophic event; and

5 WHEREAS, it would be of great benefit to the Louisiana court system and the entire
6 state to implement an electronic filing system for civil pleadings.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 create the Clerk of Court Statewide Filing System Task Force to study and make
9 recommendations regarding the implementation and development of a universal electronic
10 filing system for civil pleadings throughout the state of Louisiana.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force shall consist of ten members and
12 be composed of the following:

- 13 (1) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association.
- 14 (2) The president of the Louisiana Association for Defense Counsel.
- 15 (3) The executive director of the Louisiana Association for Justice.
- 16 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- 17 (5) A clerk of court in a district with a population of over three hundred
18 thousand.
- 19 (6) A clerk of court in a district with a population of more than two hundred
20 thousand but less than three hundred thousand.
- 21 (7) A clerk of court in a district with a population of more than one hundred
22 thousand but less than two hundred thousand.
- 23 (8) A clerk of court in a district with a population of more than fifty thousand
24 but less than one hundred thousand.
- 25 (9) A clerk of court in a district with a population of less than fifty thousand.
- 26 (10) A clerk from a Louisiana Court of Appeal.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appointments to the task force shall be made
28 within thirty days after adjournment of this legislature in the 2016 Regular Session.
29 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of
30 the task force shall serve without compensation.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the membership of the task force
2 shall constitute a quorum and shall elect the chair of the task force at its first meeting. The
3 task force shall meet at the call of the chair or upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the
4 task force. All members must be notified in writing of all meetings at least five days before
5 the date on which a meeting of the task force is scheduled.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair shall call an initial meeting of the task
7 force no later than October 1, 2016, and hold meetings at the times and in the places it may
8 deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill its charge.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet no less than two times.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may seek the advice of experts as
11 deemed appropriate by the membership of the task force.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a final
13 report that contains a detailed statement of the findings and policy recommendations of the
14 task force to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the
15 chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, the chairman of the House
16 Judiciary Committee, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary A, the chairman
17 of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme
18 Court not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2017 Regular Session of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana and that such recommendations shall include but not be limited to
20 the following:

21 (1) A detailed conceptual model for a statewide electronic filing system for civil
22 pleadings in Louisiana courts.

23 (2) General guidelines on how best to proceed in creating and installing a statewide
24 system for electronic filing and service that supports all civil case types and levels of courts
25 in Louisiana.

26 (3) Particular implications or obstacles, if any, in implementing a statewide
27 electronic filing system for civil pleadings in Louisiana courts.

28 (4) Costs associated and best funding sources for the implementation of a universal
29 statewide electronic filing system in Louisiana courts.

1 (5) Legislation needed to implement a universal statewide electronic filing system
2 for civil pleadings in Louisiana courts.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be abolished upon
4 submission of the report.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 appointing entities named in this Resolution.

DIGEST

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Creates the Clerk of Court Statewide Filing System Task Force to study and make recommendations to the legislature regarding the implementation and development of a universal electronic filing system for civil pleadings throughout the state, and provides for a written report of its recommendations and findings no later than sixty days prior to the 2017 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the number of task force members from eleven to ten.
2. Change the composition of task force membership.