

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 698

2018 Regular Session

Henry

May 17, 2018

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 698 by Representative Henry, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Finance (#4213) be adopted.
- 2. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 by the Senate Finance Committee (#4213), on page 1, line 13, after "appropriated" and before "to" insert "out of the state general fund"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Cameron Henry

Senator John A. Alario, Jr.

Representative Franklin J. Foil

Senator Eric LaFleur

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator Jim Fannin

DIGEST

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APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Increase the reduction of state general fund to be executed by the Judiciary Budgetary Control Council or the Supreme Court from \$16,588,993 to \$51,457,584.
2. Add \$46,445,138 in funding to be effective upon enactment of revenue measures in the 2018 Second E.S.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Specify that the appropriation of monies derived from an Act of the Legislature in the 2018 Second E.S. in the amount of \$46,445,138 shall be from the state general fund.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$180,177,165 from the following sources: \$160,543,390 out of the State General Fund (Direct) [*subject to reduction detailed below*]; and, \$10,240,925 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund, and \$9,392,850 out of Interagency Transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided as follows:

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$	76,318,355
(2)	Courts of Appeal		48,988,181
(3)	District Courts		39,852,123
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans		6,420,616
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts		2,587,914
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)		3,241,499
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)		697,624
(8)	Non-Judicial State Expenses		<u>2,070,853</u>
	TOTAL	\$	<u>180,177,165</u>

Requires that the appropriations out of the State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$51,457,584, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as provided by the La. Supreme Court.

Provides for restoration of \$46,445,138 from the state general fund for support of all budget units in the judiciary in the event that the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 official forecast is increased due to the enactment of legislation in the 2018 2 E. S.

Effective July 1, 2018.