

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 698

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, BARRAS, GARY CARTER, JACKSON, LEGER,  
AND MAGEE AND SENATORS ALARIO, LAFLEUR, MARTINY, AND  
MORRELL

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the  
3 Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans  
4 Parish, and other courts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1.A. The sum of One Hundred Eighty Million One Hundred Seventy-Seven  
8 Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and No/100 (\$180,177,165.00) Dollars, or so much  
9 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the judiciary,  
10 including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District  
11 Court of Orleans Parish, and of other courts.

12 B. The total amount herein appropriated is hereby allocated to provide as follows:

13 **03-8170 SUPREME COURT**

14 **Program Description:** *The Supreme Court has general supervisory jurisdiction*  
15 *over all lower courts. It may establish procedural and administrative rules not in*  
16 *conflict with law and may assign a sitting or retired judge to any court. The*  
17 *Supreme Court has sole authority to provide by rule for appointments of attorneys*  
18 *as temporary or ad hoc judges. It considers applications for writs to review*  
19 *individual cases, and has criminal and other appellate jurisdiction. The Supreme*  
20 *Court has exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against*  
21 *lawyers, recommendations of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana for the*  
22 *discipline of judges, and fact questions affecting its appellate jurisdiction. It has*  
23 *inherent authority to regulate the legal profession and to promulgate and update*  
24 *the Code of Judicial Conduct. The court also provides judicial training through the*  
25 *Judicial College and works to improve the administration of justice.*

26 **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the Supreme Court of Louisiana is to protect*  
27 *and promote the rule of law, to ensure public trust, to use public resources*  
28 *efficiently, to ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence*  
29 *of both the bench and the bar, and to ensure the proper administration and*  
30 *performance of all courts under its authority.*

31 **Goal:** To protect the rule of law.

32 **Objective:** To provide a reasonable opportunity for litigants to seek review in the  
33 Supreme Court of decisions made by lower tribunals.

34 **General Performance Information:**

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
35			
36	<i>Total Filings</i>	<i>2,365</i>	<i>2,283</i>
37	<i>Total Appeals Filed</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>
38	<i>Total Writs Filed</i>	<i>2,172</i>	<i>2,092</i>
39	<i>Total Dispositions Rendered</i>	<i>2,486</i>	<i>2,142</i>

1	<b>Goal:</b> To promote the rule of law.			
2	<b>Objective:</b> To resolve cases in a timely manner.			
3	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
4		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
5	<i>Percentage of noncriminal case</i>			
6	<i>applications acted on within Supreme</i>			
7	<i>Court standard of 120 days of filing</i>	97.1%	94.1%	88%
8	<i>Percentage of criminal case applications</i>			
9	<i>acted on within Supreme Court</i>			
10	<i>standard of 120 days of filing</i>	36.1%	48.7%	34.9%
11	<i>Percentage of pro se post conviction</i>			
12	<i>applications acted on within Supreme</i>			
13	<i>Court standard of 120 days of filing</i>	3%	26%	20.8%
14	<i>Percentage of bar disciplinary filings</i>			
15	<i>acted upon within Supreme Court</i>			
16	<i>standard of 120 days from filing</i>	97%	93.6%	89.3%
17	<i>Percentage of opinions rendered within</i>			
18	<i>Supreme Court standard of 84 days</i>			
19	<i>from argument</i>	75.8%	66.7%	73.2%
20	<b>Goal:</b> To ensure the public trust.			
21	<b>Objective:</b> To facilitate public access to Supreme Court decisions.			
22	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
23		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
24	<i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>			
25	<i>to the public within 5 days of decision</i>	100%	100%	100%
26	<b>Objective:</b> To inform the public of operations and activities.			
27	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
28		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
29	<i>Number of outreach programs</i>	100	60	70
30	<i>Number of media releases on court decisions</i>	66	78	65
31	<i>Number of media releases on other matters</i>	17	24	18
32	<i>Number of recipients of releases on</i>			
33	<i>court decisions</i>	1,632	1,775	1,932
34	<i>Number of recipients of releases on other</i>			
35	<i>matters</i>	4,700	6,010	3,489
36	<b>Objective:</b> To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence			
37	<b>of the bench.</b>			
38	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
39		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
40	<i>Average number of hours acquired</i>			
41	<i>through continuing legal education</i>			
42	<i>per judge</i>	34.25	30.08	29.03
43	<i>Number of complaints filed against</i>			
44	<i>judges and justices of the peace</i>	529	545	533
45	<i>Number of complaints against judges</i>			
46	<i>and justices of the peace resolved or</i>			
47	<i>disposed of in the calendar year</i>	601	582	546
48				
49	<b>Objective:</b> To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence			
50	<b>of the bar.</b>			
51	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
52		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
53	<i>Average number of hours acquired through</i>			
54	<i>continuing legal education per lawyer</i>	15.12	15.08	14.76
55	<i>Number of complaints filed against lawyers</i>	2,950	2,922	2,795
56	<i>Number of complaints filed against lawyers</i>			
57	<i>resolved or disposed of in calendar year</i>	3,046	2,673	3,096

1 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

		<b><u>FY 18 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19</u></b>
2			
3	01		
4	Salaries of one (1) Chief Justice and		
5	six (6) Associate Justices of the		
6	Supreme Court, as provided by		
	R.S. 13:102	\$ 1,125,252	\$ 1,154,936
7	02		
8	Salaries and other expenses of the		
9	Supreme Court Proper and salary of		
	the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$ 3,804,457	\$ 7,898,581
10	03		
11	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's		
12	Office and of the Judiciary		
13	Commission provided for in Article V,		
14	Section 25 of the Constitution of		
15	Louisiana and under the provisions of		
	R.S. 13:32 et seq.		
16	A. Expenses of Judicial		
17	Administrator's Office	\$ 4,519,857	\$ 4,809,236
18	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Supreme Court in the</i>		
19	<i>administration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council and the Judiciary Commission of</i>		
20	<i>Louisiana. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies and makes recommendations for the creation</i>		
21	<i>of new judgeships and for improving the administration of justice. The Judicial Administrator's Office</i>		
22	<i>provides payroll and other fiscal services to the Judiciary, including the administration of a judicial</i>		
23	<i>retirement system; support for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court human resource system; and</i>		
24	<i>support for judicial branch reporting obligations. The Judicial Administrator's Office also manages the</i>		
25	<i>ad hoc judgeship system, monitors cases under advisement, provides support for initiatives to ensure</i>		
26	<i>access to the courts for limited English proficiency individuals; provides outreach services to state and</i>		
27	<i>local courts, applies for and administers grants to improve judicial administration; and staffs the</i>		
28	<i>Committee on Judicial Ethics. The Judicial Administrator's office administers several programs, including</i>		
29	<i>the Supreme Court Drug Court / Specialty Court Office, the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, and</i>		
30	<i>CASA and FINS through the Division of Children and Families. The Judicial Administrator's office also</i>		
31	<i>provides staff support for the Louisiana Judicial College, and performs numerous legal services for the</i>		
32	<i>Supreme Court and the Judiciary.</i>		
33	B. Expenses of Judiciary Commission	\$ 1,821,921	\$ 1,930,613
34	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitutional body established under</i>		
35	<i>Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept, screen, investigate, and prosecute complaints</i>		
36	<i>of judicial misconduct. As part of its authority, it may recommend to the Supreme Court the censure,</i>		
37	<i>suspension, removal from office, or involuntary retirement of any judge for ethical misconduct.</i>		
38	C. Court Reporters; Statistical		
39	Reporting Systems	\$ 355,504	\$ 370,225
40	D. Dues to National Center for		
41	State Courts	\$ 158,650	\$ 158,650
42	04		
43	Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary		
44	Board, as per Louisiana Supreme		
	Court Rule XIX	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
45	05		
46	Compensation and expenses of retired		
47	judges assigned under Article V,		
48	Section 5(A) of the Constitution of		
49	Louisiana, be it more or less		
	estimated at	\$ 1,070,364	\$ 1,510,646

1	06	Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,			
2		services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,			
3		and equipment	\$	1,671,322	\$ 1,754,471
4	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal information needs of the state</i>				
5	<i>judiciary, and is open to members of the bar and public.</i>				
6	07	Salaries and expenses of transferred			
7		judges assigned under Article V,			
8		Section 5(A) of the Constitution,			
9		be it more or less estimated as	\$	86,663	\$ 86,663
10	08	Retirement pay for services rendered by			
11		justices and judges of all courts, as			
12		provided by R.S. 11:1358 and			
13		R.S. 13:103	\$	1,365,669	\$ 894,459
14	09	Pensions for widows of justices and			
15		judges of all courts, as provided by			
16		R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it			
17		more or less estimated at	\$	1,469,984	\$ 1,469,984
18	10	Judicial College	\$	33,072	\$ 55,502
19	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judicial College was established by order of the Supreme Court in 1976 to</i>				
20	<i>provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.</i>				
21	11	State contribution to judicial			
22		retirement provided for in Article V,			
23		Section 23 of the Constitution and			
24		R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or			
25		less estimated at	\$	18,155,129	\$ 18,595,302
26	12	Civil commitment matters as			
27		required by R.S. 28:54	\$	143,424	\$ 243,075
28	13	Paul M. Hebert Law Center for			
29		expenses of storage of appellate			
30		court records	\$	60,000	\$ 60,000
31	14	Funding for statewide operations of the			
32		Louisiana Protective Order Registry			
33		(R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case			
34		Management Information System	\$	1,048,254	\$ 1,048,254
35	15	Information Technology	\$	1,054,733	\$ 1,096,238
36	16	Payable out of State General			
37		Funds for Operational expenses of			
38		the Families in Need of Services			
39		Program (FINS)	\$	1,995,709	\$ 1,995,709
40	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist local FINS processes by</i>				
41	<i>developing and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; developing, implementing, and mandating</i>				
42	<i>the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal cases; developing</i>				
43	<i>and mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and reporting performance</i>				
44	<i>indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic fiscal reports and financial accountability;</i>				
45	<i>and, generally supervising and assisting local FINS processes in other ways.</i>				
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47	17	Louisiana Drug and Specialty Courts	\$	9,755,000	\$ 9,755,000

1 **Program Description:** Louisiana Drug and Specialty Courts, such as Drug/DWI Treatment Courts,  
 2 authorized in 1977 by R.S. 13:5301-5304, Reentry Courts, authorized in 2010 by R.S. 13:5401, Mental  
 3 Health Courts, authorized in 2013 by R.S. 13:5353 - 5358, and Veterans Treatment Courts, authorized in  
 4 2014 by R.S. 13:5361 - 5368, are proven and effective alternatives to traditional criminal justice  
 5 interventions. These programs provide integrated treatment for substance use and mental health  
 6 disorders, including the appropriate use of sanctions and incentives along with case management, to place  
 7 participants in need of services into appropriate community-based and judicially supervised rehabilitation  
 8 programs. Clients are regularly tested and monitored for compliance with educational, employment, and  
 9 treatment requirements pursuant to current best practices and the proven national model.

10 18 Court Appointed Special Advocates \$ 1,794,035 \$ 1,794,036

11 **Program Description:** The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to promote timely placement of  
 12 children in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance with the provisions of  
 13 Children's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through local CASA programs which recruit,  
 14 screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appointment by the trial judge, qualified  
 15 advocates serve children by providing independent factual information to the judge, advocating for the best  
 16 interest of the children, monitoring cases to which they have been assigned, and advising and assisting the  
 17 judge in the determination of the best interest of the children involved.

18 TOTAL - GENERAL FUND (DIRECT) \$ 51,491,999 \$ 56,684,580

19 **FY 18 EOB** **FY 19**

20 19 Payable out of the State General Fund  
 21 from Statutory Dedications, Judges'  
 22 Supplemental Compensation Fund,  
 23 R. S. 13:10.3, be it more or less  
 24 estimated at \$ 6,223,724 \$ 6,223,724

25 **Program Description:** The Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund was established by the Legislature  
 26 in 1985 to fund salary supplements and salary-related expenses to judges and commissioners. The funding  
 27 source is a non-refundable filing fee assessed on civil filings as provided in R.S. 13:10.3.

28 **FY 18 EOB** **FY 19**

29 20 Payable out of the State General  
 30 Fund from Statutory Dedications,  
 31 Trial Court Case Management  
 32 Information Fund, for the Case  
 33 Management Information System,  
 34 Article 887 (F) of the Code of  
 35 Criminal Procedure, be it more or less  
 36 estimated at \$ 4,017,201 \$ 4,017,201

37 **Program Description:** The Case Management Information System (CMIS) was created by the Supreme  
 38 Court in 1993 to provide a statewide information system for tracking and managing criminal, civil,  
 39 juvenile, traffic, and appellate cases as well as protective orders. Data is received from courts statewide,  
 40 transferred to the CMIS repository, and made available to courts and executive branch agencies.  
 41 Additional information will also be available from the Department of Public Safety & Corrections. CMIS  
 42 is funded from a court cost assessed on all criminal and traffic convictions as provided under  
 43 C.Cr.P.887(F).

44 TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND  
 45 BY STATUTORY DEDICATIONS \$ 10,240,925 \$ 10,240,925

46 TOTAL SUPREME COURT \$ 61,732,924 \$ 76,318,355

47 **FY 18 EOB** **FY 19**

48 21 Drug court maintenance and enhancement,  
 49 payable out of the State General Fund  
 50 through Interagency Transfers from the  
 51 Department of Children and Family  
 52 Services \$ 5,400,000 \$ 5,400,000

1 22 Court Appointed Special Advocates,  
 2 payable out of the State General Fund  
 3 through Interagency Transfers from the  
 4 Department of Children and Family  
 5 Services \$ 3,992,850 \$ 3,992,850

6 TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND  
 7 THROUGH INTERAGENCY  
 8 TRANSFERS \$ 9,392,850 \$ 9,392,850

9 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

10 **Program Description:** *The five courts of appeal, domiciled in Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Lake Charles,*  
 11 *New Orleans, and Gretna, have supervisory jurisdiction over all cases arising within their respective*  
 12 *circuits, subject to the general supervisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Each court of appeal also*  
 13 *has appellate jurisdiction over all civil matters, all matters appealed from family and juvenile courts, and*  
 14 *all criminal cases triable by a jury which arise within its circuit, except for those cases appealable directly*  
 15 *to the Supreme Court or to the district courts.*

16 **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the appellate courts of Louisiana is to provide meaningful access to*  
 17 *all who seek review under the Courts' appellate and supervisory jurisdiction granted by the Louisiana*  
 18 *Constitution while protecting and promoting the rule of law, preserving the public trust, and using public*  
 19 *resources efficiently.*

20 **Goal:** To protect the rule of law.

21 **Objective:** To provide a reasonable opportunity for multi-judge review of decisions made by lower  
 22 tribunals.

23 **General Performance Information:**

	2015	2016	2017
24			
25	2,053	1,783	1,897
26	4,048	3,670	3,420
27	5,019	4,761	4,439

28 **Goal:** To promote the rule of law.

29 **Objective:** To resolve cases expeditiously.

30 **General Performance Information:**

	2015	2016	2017
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35	143	162	147
36	147	155	162
37	146	158	159

38 *Average number of days from argument to*  
 39 *rendering of the opinion:*

	2015	2016	2017
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41	43	43	43
42	43	42	44
43	43	43	44

44 **Goal:** To preserve public trust.

45 **Objective:** To facilitate public access to the decisions of the courts of appeal.

46 **General Performance Information:**

	2015	2016	2017
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49	100%	100%	100%

50 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

		<u>FY 18 EOB</u>		<u>FY 19</u>
51				
52	01 Salaries of five (5) Chief Judges			
53	and forty-eight (48) Judges of			
54	the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 7,913,159	\$	8,123,080

1	02	Salaries and expenses of operation		
2		and maintenance of the Court of		
3		appeal, First Circuit	\$ 10,186,973	\$ 10,777,116
4	03	Salaries and expenses of operation		
5		and maintenance of the Court of		
6		appeal, Second Circuit	\$ 5,707,610	\$ 6,013,644
7	04	Salaries and expenses of operation		
8		and maintenance of the Court of		
9		appeal, Third Circuit	\$ 8,739,437	\$ 9,176,428
10	05	Salaries and expenses of operation		
11		and maintenance of the Court of		
12		Appeal, Fourth Circuit	\$ 8,121,408	\$ 8,602,396
13	06	Salaries and expenses of operation		
14		and maintenance of the Court of		
15		Appeal, Fifth Circuit	\$ 5,919,956	\$ 6,295,517
16		<b>TOTAL COURTS OF APPEAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,588,543</b>	<b>\$ 48,988,181</b>

17 **03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS**

18 **Program Description:** *There are forty-one district courts in Louisiana that have*  
 19 *general jurisdiction over all matters within their territorial limits, except in those*  
 20 *judicial districts (the 1st, the 19th, and the 24th Judicial Districts) where family and*  
 21 *juvenile courts have exclusive jurisdiction over certain types of cases and except in*  
 22 *Orleans Parish where there are separate courts exercising civil, criminal, and*  
 23 *juvenile jurisdictions. In certain cases, the forty-one general jurisdiction courts*  
 24 *have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace and parish courts. The*  
 25 *district courts generally have appellate jurisdiction of criminal cases tried by city,*  
 26 *parish, municipal, traffic, and mayors' courts, except in certain cases. The district*  
 27 *courts also have appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace in parishes where*  
 28 *no parish courts exist. The Civil District Court of Orleans Parish has jurisdiction*  
 29 *of all civil cases in that parish. The Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish has*  
 30 *jurisdiction over all criminal cases in the parish. It also has general supervisory*  
 31 *jurisdiction over the municipal and traffic court in Orleans Parish. The Family*  
 32 *Court of East Baton Rouge Parish has exclusive jurisdiction of many domestic cases*  
 33 *in the parish. The four juvenile courts located in Caddo, East Baton Rouge,*  
 34 *Jefferson, and Orleans parishes have exclusive jurisdiction of juvenile cases in their*  
 35 *respective parishes.*

36 **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the trial courts of Louisiana is to provide*  
 37 *access to justice, to meet all responsibilities in a timely and expeditious manner, to*  
 38 *provide equality, fairness, and integrity in their proceedings, to maintain judicial*  
 39 *independence and accountability, and to reach a fair and just result by adherence*  
 40 *to the procedural and substantive law, thereby instilling trust and confidence in the*  
 41 *public.*

42 **Goal:** To establish a more open and accessible system of justice.

43 **Objective:** To encourage responsible parties to make court facilities safe,  
 44 accessible, and convenient.

45 **General Performance Information:**

46		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
47	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
48	<i>actions taken in FY 2016-2017 to improve compliance with</i>			
49	<i>the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</i>	93.8%	81.3%	83.3%

50 **Objective:** To encourage all responsible public bodies and public officers to make  
 51 the costs of access to the trial court's proceedings and records - whether measured  
 52 in terms of money, time, or the procedures that must be followed - reasonable, fair,  
 53 and affordable.

54 **General Performance Information:**

55		<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
56	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
57	<i>actions taken in FY 2016-2017 to assist self-represented</i>			
58	<i>litigants</i>	97.9%	85.4%	85.4%

1       **Goal:** To meet all responsibilities to everyone affected by the court and its  
2       activities in a timely and expeditious manner.

3       **Objective:** To encourage timely case management and processing.

4       **General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
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10	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
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14       **Objective:** To enhance jury service.

15       **General Performance Information:**

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19       **Goal:** To provide due process and equal protection of the law to all who have  
20       business before the court; and to demonstrate integrity in all procedures and decisions.

21       **Objective:** To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court  
22       operations as necessary.

23       **General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
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31       **Goal:** To maintain judicial independence, while observing the principle of comity  
32       in its governmental relations and accountability to the public.

33       **Objective:** To inform the community of the court's structure and function.

34       **General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
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39       Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

		<b><u>FY 18 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19</u></b>
40			
41	01		
42	Salaries of one hundred ninety-one		
43	(191) District Judges as provided		
	by R.S. 13:691	\$ 27,187,585	\$ 27,913,116
44	02		
45	Office and travel expenses of District		
46	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698		
	and R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$ 1,285,250	\$ 1,285,250
47	03		
48	Salaries of fourteen (14) Judges of		
49	Civil District Court, Orleans Parish,		
	as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,992,807	\$ 2,045,988
50	04		
51	Expenses of Judges of Civil District		
52	Court, Parish of Orleans, for salaries		
53	of stenographers, clerks, law books,		
54	stationery, telephone, and like		
	expenses as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$ 80,500	\$ 80,500

1	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters			
2		of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,			
3		including retirement contributions, as			
4		provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$	114,514	\$ 115,348
5	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans			
6		Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$	10,000	\$ 10,000
7	07	State share of Group, Workers'			
8		Compensation, General Liability, and			
9		Property Insurance Premiums as			
10		provided by R.S.42:851	\$	6,834,271	\$ 7,018,364
11	08	Salaries of two (2) commissioners of			
12		the Nineteenth Judicial District and			
13		one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth			
14		Judicial District as provided by			
15		R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,			
16		respectively	\$	569,959	\$ 584,251
17	09	Office expenses for the Judicial			
18		Expense Fund of the Nineteenth Judicial			
19		District Court as provided by			
20		R.S. 13:711-713	\$	354,707	\$ 401,401
21	10	Office expenses for the Judicial			
22		Expense Fund of the Fifteenth			
23		Judicial District Court as provided			
24		by R.S. 13:714-716	\$	221,305	\$ 313,594
25	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District			
26		Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$	49,311	\$ 49,311
27	12	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense			
28		Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as			
29		provided by Act 57 of 2006	\$	35,000	\$ 35,000
30		SUBTOTAL	\$	<u>38,735,209</u>	\$ <u>39,852,123</u>
31	13	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans			
32		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has exclusive jurisdiction</i>			
33		<i>of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and offenses committed within the parish of</i>			
34		<i>Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law in some other court. The court, through its magistrate and</i>			
35		<i>with assistance from its commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates in all felony charges</i>			
36		<i>and the power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or discharge, or to hold for trial,</i>			
37		<i>in all cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction of all cases tried before the Municipal</i>			
38		<i>and Traffic Court of New Orleans and has general supervisory jurisdiction over these courts.</i>			
39	A.	Salaries of thirteen (13) District			
40		Judges of Criminal Court, Orleans			
41		Parish as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	1,850,465	\$ 1,899,846
42	B.	Office expenses of Judges of			
43		Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as			
44		Provided by R.S. 13:698	\$	74,750	\$ 74,750
45	C.	State's share of group insurance			
46		for personnel of Criminal Court			
47		as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$	698,422	\$ 714,162

1	D. Salaries of thirteen (13) minute			
2	clerks as provided by R.S.			
3	13:1373.1	\$	288,064	\$ 288,064
4				
5	E. Salaries of twenty-six (26) court			
6	reporters as provided by R.S.			
7	13:1373.1	\$	449,821	\$ 449,821
8				
9	F. Salaries of four (4) commissioners			
10	of Criminal Court, Orleans Parish,			
11	including related benefits as			
	provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	503,587	\$ 512,065
12				
13	G. Office and travel expenses of			
14	commissioners as provided by			
	R.S. 13:1347	\$	7,950	\$ 10,600
15				
16	H. Salaries of four (4) minute clerks,			
17	one for each commissioner			
	as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	75,371	\$ 75,371
18				
19	I. Salaries of four (4) court reporters,			
20	one for each commissioner			
	as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	57,312	\$ 57,312
21				
22	J. Salaries of Judicial Administrator,			
23	and assistants, including			
	related benefits	\$	858,443	\$ 912,741
24				
25	K. Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$	626,646	\$ 733,824
26				
27	L. Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$	181,602	\$ 212,661
28				
29	M. Sanity Commissions	\$	87,744	\$ 90,236
30				
31	N. Board of Jury Commissioners	\$	371,859	\$ 389,163
32				
33	SUBTOTAL	\$	<u>6,132,036</u>	\$ <u>6,420,616</u>
34				
35	14 Juvenile and Family Court Judges			
36				
37	A. Salaries of thirteen (13) Juvenile			
38	Court Judges as provided by			
	R.S. 13:691	\$	1,992,907	\$ 1,899,846
39				
40	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court			
	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	569,374	\$ 584,568
41				
42	C. Office and travel expenses of Juvenile			
43	and Family Court Judges as			
44	provided by R.S. 13:698 and			
45	R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$	103,500	\$ 103,500
46				
47	SUBTOTAL	\$	<u>2,665,781</u>	\$ <u>2,587,914</u>
48				
49	TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS	\$	<u>47,533,026</u>	\$ <u>48,860,653</u>

**03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

**Program Description:** *The category includes forty-seven city courts, one municipal and traffic court (New Orleans), and one parish court (Ascension Parish).*

**Mission Statement:** *The mission of the city and parish courts of Louisiana is to provide access to justice, to meet all responsibilities in a timely and expeditious manner, to provide equality, fairness and integrity in their proceedings, to maintain judicial independence and accountability, and to reach a fair and just result by adherence to the procedural and substantive law, thereby instilling trust and confidence in the public.*

**Goal:** To establish a more open and accessible system of justice.

**Objective:** To encourage all responsible public bodies and public officers to make the costs of access to the court's proceedings and records - whether measured in terms of money, time, or the procedures that must be followed - reasonable, fair, and affordable.

**General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2016-2017 to assist pro se litigants</i>	96.2%	96.2%	98.1%

**Goal:** To meet all responsibilities to everyone affected by the court and its activities in a timely and expeditious manner.

**Objective:** To encourage timely case management and processing.

**General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating that their courts had taken steps within FY 2016-2017 to reduce delays and improve the timeliness of case processing</i>	88.5%	92.3%	90.4%

**Goal:** To maintain judicial independence, while observing the principle of comity in its governmental relations and accountability to the public.

**Objective:** To inform the community of the court's structure and function.

**General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating that their courts regularly provided public education and public outreach services in FY 2016-2017</i>	92.3%	88.5%	88.5%

**Objective:** To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court operations as necessary.

**General Performance Information:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2016-2017 to improve employee training and development</i>	98.1%	96.2%	92.3%
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2016-2017 to install or implement technologies</i>	96.2%	90.4%	90.4%

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

	<b><u>FY 18 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19</u></b>
01 Salaries of sixty (60) City Court Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875	\$ 2,757,559	\$ 2,831,152
02 Salaries of seven (7) Municipal and Traffic and one (1) Parish Court Judge as provided by R.S. 13:2492 and 2563.5, respectively	\$ 444,777	\$ 410,347

<b>TOTAL OTHER COURTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,202,336</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,241,499</u></b>
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1 **03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT**  
 2 **REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

3 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

		<u>FY 18 EOB</u>	<u>FY 19</u>
4			
5	01 Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective		
6	Care Monitoring Program	\$ 511,132	\$ 560,014

7 **Program Description:** *The program tracks and maintains child abuse and neglect cases in the Orleans*  
 8 *Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support of the Families in Need of Services Program.*

9	02 Orleans Parish Juvenile Court		
10	Reporters	\$ 71,178	\$ 73,976

11	03 For the expenses of the Judges'		
12	Assistance Program	<u>\$ 61,877</u>	<u>\$ 63,634</u>

13 **Program Description:** *The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance to*  
 14 *judges with substance abuse problems.*

15	TOTAL OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRED		
16	BY STATUTE	<u>\$ 644,187</u>	<u>\$ 697,624</u>

17 **03-8175 NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES**

18 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

		<u>FY 18 EOB</u>	<u>FY 19</u>
19			
20	01 Legal representation of children in		
21	child protection cases	<u>\$ 2,070,853</u>	<u>\$ 2,070,853</u>

22 **Program Description:** *As recommended by the Task Force on Legal representation*  
 23 *in Child Protection Cases and at the request of the Division of Administration, in*  
 24 *order to advance the administration of justice, the Supreme Court administers*  
 25 *funding to provide qualified legal representation for children in child protection*  
 26 *cases as required to fulfill the state's statutory responsibility.*

27	TOTAL NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES	<u>\$ 2,070,853</u>	<u>\$ 2,070,853</u>
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28 Section 2. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the State  
 29 General Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be reduced by a total amount  
 30 of Fifty-One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four and  
 31 No/100 (\$51,457,584) Dollars, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judiciary Budgetary  
 32 Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

33 Section 3.A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or her duly authorized and  
 34 appointed agent, shall warrant the state treasurer for the allocations herein provided, or for  
 35 so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the state  
 36 general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all other  
 37 warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and warrants  
 38 for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant provided by this  
 39 Act.

1           B. The funds drawn as provided herein shall be deposited in the name of the judiciary  
2 in an approved bank that has been selected by the Supreme Court and is located in the state.

3           C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously  
4 appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest  
5 earnings are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the judiciary;  
6 however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable to the State  
7 General Fund on or before September 1, 2019.

8           D. For Fiscal Year 2018-2019, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made in  
9 this Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal year  
10 in accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as approved by the  
11 Supreme Court.

12           E. The adjustment to be made in the salaries of judicial employees and the number of  
13 authorized positions of the judiciary shall be as decided by the judicial agency affected,  
14 subject to the approval of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the  
15 Supreme Court.

16           F. The program descriptions, general performance information and indicators,  
17 objectives, goals, and mission statements contained in this Act are not part of the law and  
18 are not enacted into law by virtue of their inclusion in this Act. The missions, goals, and  
19 objectives contained in the Act are derived from performance standards established by  
20 Section 10 of Part G, General Administrative Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

21           G. The inclusion in this Act of staff salaries and benefits for lower court or other judicial  
22 branch agency employees shall not be deemed to create or impose any obligation upon the  
23 State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial Budgetary  
24 Control Board, or the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office relative to the  
25 administration of pay, retirement or other benefits to any such employees. Accordingly, the  
26 State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial Budgetary  
27 Control Board, and the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office are not to be  
28 considered the "employer" or "employing agency" of lower court or other judicial agency  
29 employees whose staff salaries and other benefits are included in this Act.

30           Section 4. Appropriations contained in this Section of this Act shall become effective  
31 upon enactment of certain revenue measures introduced in the 2018 Second Extraordinary

1 Session of the Legislature, and incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 official forecast  
 2 of the Revenue Estimating Conference. The sum of Forty-Six Million Four Hundred Forty-  
 3 Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight and No/100 (\$46,445,138) Dollars is hereby  
 4 appropriated out of the state general fund to defray the expenses of the judiciary, including  
 5 the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District Court of  
 6 Orleans Parish, and of other courts.

7 Section 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018; if vetoed by the  
 8 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
 9 July 1, 2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_