

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

COURTS. Creates a task force to study the advisability of creating a statewide business court.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide with respect to a task force to study and make recommendations with  
3 respect to the advisability of creating a statewide business court to lower costs,  
4 enhance efficiency, and promote predictable outcomes.

5 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has experienced exponential growth in business  
6 and industry; and

7 WHEREAS, the legal issues arising in the daily activities of business and industry  
8 are often complex, requiring specialized legal knowledge; and

9 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana would benefit from the creation of  
10 a statewide business court with jurisdiction over matters which arise in business and  
11 industry; and

12 WHEREAS, there are many benefits of creating specialized courts, and particularly  
13 a business court.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
15 hereby creates a task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the  
16 advisability of creating a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and  
17 promote predictable outcomes.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following:

- 1 (1) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- 2 (2) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association.
- 3 (3) The president of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or his designee.
- 4 (4) The president of Council for A Better Louisiana or his designee.
- 5 (5) The president of Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or his designee.
- 6 (6) The president of Greater New Orleans, Inc. or his designee.
- 7 (7) The chairman of the Senate Judiciary A Committee or his designee.
- 8 (8) The Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court or her designee.
- 9 (9) The president of the Louisiana District Judges Association or her designee.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
 11 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be  
 12 individually entitled as a member of their respective constituent organization.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct meetings at the times  
 14 as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its  
 15 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings  
 17 and recommendations, with a suggestion for proposed legislation, if any, to the president of  
 18 the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2020.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
 20 Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Council  
 21 for A Better Louisiana, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Greater New Orleans,  
 22 Inc., Louisiana District Judges Association and Louisiana Supreme Court.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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DIGEST

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