

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 7**

**2020 First Extraordinary Session**

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APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Item #4)

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Prohibits annual market rate salary increases for all judicial employees for FY 2020-2021 and requires reconsideration of salary increases by the legislature no later than October 15, 2020. Should the legislature not convene by this date, the Judicial Budgetary Control Board is granted the authority to reconsider the increases.
2. Provides that the prohibition on market rate salary increases does not apply to promotions.
3. Requires the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or the Louisiana Supreme Court to create and adopt a plan for expenditure of funds appropriated for COVID-19 response efforts.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$188,721,817 from the following sources: \$169,088,042 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$9,392,850 out of Interagency Transfers; and \$10,240,925 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund. Appropriations from State General Fund (Direct) shall be reduced by \$17,031,070 and Interagency Transfers shall be increased by \$4,000,000 from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for expenditures related to COVID-19 response efforts pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Provides that no judicial employee shall be eligible for or granted a market rate salary increase during the 2020-2021 fiscal year and allows for a reconsideration of salary increases if the legislature meets prior to October 15, 2020. Should the legislature not convene by this date, the Judicial Budgetary Control Board has authority to reconsider the increases. The prohibition on market rate salary increases does not apply to promotions.

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

	<u>FY 20 EOB</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
(1) Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 71,580,762	\$84,647,437
(2) Courts of Appeal	47,300,362	50,009,415
(3) District Courts	39,353,270	40,614,727
(4) Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	6,353,696	6,707,761
(5) Juvenile and Family Courts	2,588,425	2,649,386

(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	3,242,164	3,329,210
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	675,187	763,881
	TOTAL	<u>\$171,093,866</u>	<u>\$188,721,817</u>

Effective July 1, 2020