

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

COURTS/SUPREME COURT: Requests the Supreme Court of Louisiana to approve ethics training for legislators

1    A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Supreme Court of Louisiana to take appropriate action to allow

3             legislators who are licensed to practice law in the state of Louisiana to receive

4             continuing legal education (CLE) legal ethics credit required pursuant to Rule 3 of

5             Rule XXX of Part H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana for participation

6             in the required governmental ethics training.

7             WHEREAS, R.S. 37:211 provides that the Louisiana State Bar Association is created

8             and regulated under the rule-making power of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, pursuant to

9             a memorial addressed to the court by the legislature in Act 54 of 1940; and

10             WHEREAS, Rule 3 of Rule XXX of Part H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of

11             Louisiana requires each person licensed to practice law in this state to attend, or complete

12             an approved substitute for attendance, a minimum of twelve and one half hours of approved

13             CLE each calendar year; and

14             WHEREAS, of the twelve and one half hours of CLE required annually, not less than

15             one of such hours shall concern legal ethics and not less than one of such hours shall concern

16             professionalism; and

17             WHEREAS, R.S. 42:1170 requires that each statewide elected official, legislator, and

18             public service commissioner shall receive a minimum of one hour of education and training

19             on the Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of his term of office; and

1           WHEREAS, topics eligible for CLE credit in satisfaction of the ethics requirement  
2 include programs involving disciplinary rules and rules of professional conduct; and

3           WHEREAS, the training on the Code of Governmental Ethics that legislator are  
4 required to receive includes instruction on disciplinary rules and professional conduct such  
5 as abuse of office, prohibited contracts, and financial disclosure.

6           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 urge and request the Supreme Court of Louisiana to take appropriate action to allow  
8 legislators who are attorneys of the state of Louisiana to receive CLE legal ethics credit  
9 required pursuant to Rule 3 of Rule XXX of Part H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of  
10 Louisiana for participation in the required governmental ethics training.

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