

1 WHEREAS, with more than half of that population being housed in various parish
2 facilities and work release centers across the state, and the remainder being housed in the
3 state's nine correctional facilities, it is important for the Department of Public Safety and
4 Corrections to have centralized, accurate, and up-to-date information on all of the offenders
5 committed to its custody; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2017, the legislative auditor evaluated the Department of Public
7 Safety and Corrections' management of offender data, including processes for ensuring the
8 accuracy of that data; and

9 WHEREAS, in the audit, the legislative auditor recognized the efforts of legislators
10 and criminal justice stakeholders in working toward prison reform and stated that the success
11 of these reform efforts is largely dependent upon having accurate and complete information
12 on Louisiana's offender population; and

13 WHEREAS, it is important for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to
14 have strong policies and procedures to effectively manage offender data, to track offender
15 locations, to calculate offender release dates, and to ensure the accuracy of this information.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 create the Incarceration Release Date Commission to study the procedures for processing
18 sentences imposed after a criminal conviction and the procedures for calculating
19 incarceration release dates of those persons committed to the custody of the Department of
20 Public Safety and Corrections, and to report the findings of the commission to the legislature
21 prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study commission shall be comprised of the
23 following members:

24 (1) The chairman of House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or his
25 designee.

26 (2) One member of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice,
27 appointed by the chairman.

28 (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, or his designee.

29 (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, or his designee.

30 (5) A representative from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

- 1 (6) A representative from the Louisiana District Judges Association.
- 2 (7) A representative from the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- 3 (8) A representative from the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
- 4 (9) A representative from Louisiana Public Defender Board.
- 5 (10) A representative from the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may seek input, information,
7 and data from any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that it deems necessary to
8 fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
10 shall provide staff support to the commission

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the president of the Louisiana
13 District Judges Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Clerks of Court
14 Association, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the chairman
15 of the Louisiana Public Defender Board, and the executive director of the Louisiana District
16 Attorneys Association.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Incarceration Release Date Commission
18 shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this
19 Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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