

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 228

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

JUDGMENTS: Repeals provisions relative to the tracking and reporting of unpaid judgments against the state

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 39:1538(E) and R.S. 49:257(B), relative to judgments against the state; to
3 repeal requirements relative to tracking and reporting of unpaid judgments against
4 the state; to repeal provisions regarding submission of judgments directly to the
5 legislature; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:1538(E) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

8 Section 2. R.S. 49:257(B) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

9 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor
10 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
11 2022, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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HB 228 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Repeals provisions relative to the tracking and reporting of unpaid judgments against the state.

Present law (R.S. 39:1538) requires the division of administration and the attorney general to maintain a list of all unpaid final judgments against the state that are a result of a claim pursuant to present constitution (Art. XII, Section 10). Requires the information on the list to be included in the state's comprehensive annual financial report in a manner determined by the commissioner of administration. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 49:257) requires agencies, boards, and commissions who retain private legal counsel to represent them to maintain accurate data on legal contracts, costs, and final judgments and to submit the data to the Dept. of Justice on a regular basis. Requires the attorney general to keep an accurate account of the data and to regularly report the data to the legislature. Further requires the attorney of record or the prevailing party in a case where private legal counsel has been retained to submit a certified copy of the final judgment to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Repeals R.S. 39:1538(E) and R.S. 49:257(B)(2))