

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 781 by Representative McFarland

APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Restores \$743,057 for personnel at the Criminal District Court of Orleans.
2.	Provides that if the La. Supreme Court and the La. Judicial Budgetary Control Board determine that the judiciary has sufficient funding from the state and other sources to fund salary increases, and if such determination is made prior to July 1, 2024, the following salary increases shall be in effect from July 1, 2024: \$15,280 to the justices of the supreme court, \$17,680 to the judges of the courts of appeal, \$14,691 to the judges of the district courts, and 8.45% to the judges of the city and parish courts.
3.	Removes proposed language requiring the completion of the work point study by the National Center for State Courts before funding any salary increases for judges.
4.	Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$208,551,329 from the following sources: \$187,315,555 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$9,392,850 out of Interagency Transfers; and \$11,842,924 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund.

Provides that if the La. Supreme Court and the La. Judicial Budgetary Control Board determine that the judiciary has sufficient funding from the state and other sources to fund salary increases, and if such determination is made prior to July 1, 2024, the following salary increases shall be in effect from July 1, 2024: \$15,280 to the justices of the supreme court, \$17,680 to the judges of the courts of appeal, \$14,691 to the judges of the district courts, and 8.45% to the judges of the city and parish courts.

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

	<u>FY 24 EOB</u>	<u>FY 25 REC</u>
Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 87,705,242	\$ 94,167,608
Courts of Appeal	\$ 51,986,944	\$ 55,830,638
District Courts	\$ 44,571,039	\$ 48,684,291
Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	\$ 6,979,439	\$ 7,387,777
Juvenile and Family Courts	\$ 2,858,092	\$ 2,911,815
Other Courts (Required by Statute)	\$ 3,601,525	\$ 3,901,082
Other Programs	\$ 815,183	\$ 862,658
Reduction (SGF)	\$ 0	\$ (13,666,285)
Increase (SGF)	\$ 0	\$ 8,471,745
Total Funding	<u>\$ 198,517,464</u>	<u>\$ 208,551,329</u>

Effective July 1, 2024.