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The Honorable Cameron Henry President of the Senate 900 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable Yolanda Dixon Secretary of the Senate State Capitol 900 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Basement Baton Rouge, LA 70802 RECEIVED

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SENATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

RE: Senate Bill Number 186 of the 2024 Regular Session by Senator Alan Seabaugh

Dear President Henry and Secretary Dixon:

Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 186 of the 2024 Regular Session. This bill specifies conditions under which a judge's continuous service is interrupted to determine the chief judge of a city court.

The role of chief judge can include many administrative duties, and, therefore, it is common for a court to rotate the role of chief judge. Selecting the chief judge of a court should lie within the purview of the judicial branch and the individual court. For these reasons, Senate Bill 186 will not become law.

Sincerely,

Enclosure: Returned Senate Bill 186