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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

JUDGES: Directs the La. State Law Institute to study the procedures for the recusal of judges

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend
3	legislation for implementation of procedures for recusal of judges in criminal
4	proceedings and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
5	legislature no later than February 1, 2026.
6	WHEREAS, Code of Civil Procedure Article 151 et seq., provides the grounds and
7	procedure for recusal of a judge in civil case; and
8	WHEREAS, Code of Criminal Procedure Article 671 et seq., provides the grounds
9	and procedure for recusal of a judge in a criminal case; and
10	WHEREAS, Code of Civil Procedure Article 155 requires the supreme court to
11	appoint an ad hoc judge to hear a motion for a recusal in a civil case; and
12	WHEREAS, Code of Criminal Procedure Article 675 provides that a judge in the
13	same court hears a recusal in a criminal case unless the court only has one judge in which
14	case the supreme court will appoint an ad hoc judge to hear the recusal; and
15	WHEREAS, Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2 provides that a judge shall
16	respect and comply with the law and shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public
17	confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and
18	WHEREAS, impartiality of a judge is crucial to the administration of justice; and
19	WHEREAS, consistent procedures, especially in a motion for recusal, ensures equal
20	justice across all courts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation for implementation of procedures for recusal of judges in criminal proceedings and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit one printed copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

## **DIGEST**

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