

Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL NO. 1783

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEBLANC, DEWITT, AND TOWNSEND AND SENATOR
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APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the
3 Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans
4 Parish, and other courts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1.A. The sum of Eighty-two Million Five Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand
7 Eighty-two and No/100 (\$82,578,082.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
8 is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the judiciary, including the Supreme Court,
9 Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, and of
10 the other courts.

11 B. The total amount herein appropriated is hereby allocated to provide as follows:

12 **03-8170 SUPREME COURT**

13 **Program Description:** *The Supreme Court has general supervisory jurisdiction*
14 *over all lower courts. It may establish procedural and administrative rules not in*
15 *conflict with law and may assign a sitting or retired judge to any court. The*
16 *Supreme Court has sole authority to provide by rule for appointments of attorneys*
17 *as temporary or ad hoc judges. It considers applications for writs to review*
18 *individual cases, and in addition, has criminal and other appellate jurisdiction. The*
19 *Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings*
20 *against lawyers, recommendations of the Judiciary Commission for the discipline*
21 *of judges, and fact questions affecting its own appellate jurisdiction. It has inherent*
22 *authority to regulate the legal profession and to promulgate and update the Code*
23 *of Judicial Conduct. The court also provides judicial training through the Judicial*
24 *College and works to improve the administration of justice.*

25 **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the Supreme Court of Louisiana is to protect*
26 *and promote the rule of law, to ensure public trust, to use public resources*
27 *efficiently, to ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence of*
28 *both the bench and the bar, and to ensure the proper administration and*
29 *performance of all courts under its authority.*

30 **Goal:** To protect the rule of law.

1 **Objective:** To provide a reasonable opportunity for litigants to seek review in the
2 Supreme Court of decisions made by lower tribunals.

3 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
4 <i>Total Filings</i>	3,223	3,652	3,565
5 <i>Total Appeals Filed</i>	33	43	41
6 <i>Total Writs Filed</i>	3,037	3,455	3,378
7 <i>Total Dispositions Rendered</i>	3,386	3,290	3,027

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9 **Goal:** To promote the rule of law.

10 **Objective:** To resolve cases in a timely manner.

11 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
12 <i>Percentage of noncriminal case</i>			
13 <i> applications acted on within Supreme</i>			
14 <i> Court standard of 120 days of filing</i>	96.60%	95.30%	96.07%
15 <i>Percentage of criminal case applications</i>			
16 <i> acted on within Supreme Court</i>			
17 <i> standard of 120 days of filing</i>	53.00%	61.00%	29.40%
18 <i>Percentage of pro se post conviction</i>			
19 <i> applications acted on within supreme</i>			
20 <i> Court standard of 120 days of filing</i>	19.00%	28.00%	15.72%
21 <i>Percentage of bar disciplinary filings</i>			
22 <i> acted upon within Supreme Court</i>			
23 <i> standard of 120 days of filing</i>	99.00%	94.60%	86.15%
24 <i>Percentage of opinions rendered within</i>			
25 <i> Supreme Court standard of 84 days</i>			
26 <i> from argument</i>	71.80%	63.80%	80.00%

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28 **Goal:** To ensure the public trust.

29 **Objective:** To facilitate public access to Supreme Court decisions.

30 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
31 <i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>			
32 <i> to the public within 5 days of decision</i>	100%	100%	100%

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34 **Objective:** To inform the public of operations and activities.

35 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
36 <i>Number of outreach programs</i>	16	17	11
37 <i>Number of media releases on court decisions</i>	107	110	94
38 <i>Number of media releases on other matters</i>	66	38	16
39 <i>Number of recipients of releases on</i>			
40 <i> court decisions</i>	1,040	1,105	4,418
41 <i>Number of recipients of releases on other</i>			
42 <i> matters</i>	1,077	1,090	3,697

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44 **Objective:** To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence of
45 the bench.

46 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
47 <i>Average number of hours acquired</i>			
48 <i> through continuing legal education</i>			
49 <i> per judge</i>	27.9	27.39	
50 <i>Number of complaints filed against</i>			
51 <i> judges and justices of the peace</i>	426	427	479
52 <i>Number of complaints against judges</i>			
53 <i> and justices of the peace resolved or</i>			
54 <i> disposed of in calendar year</i>	406	412	490

1 **Objective:** To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence of
 2 the bar.

3 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
Average number of hours acquired through continuing legal education per lawyer	21.3	19.5	
Number of complaints filed against lawyers	3,056	2,873	3,008
Number of complaints filed against lawyers resolved or disposed of in calendar year	2,835	1,608	1,637

10 Payable out of the State General Fund:

11	01	Salaries of Chief Justice and six (6)	
12		Associate Justices of the Supreme Court,	
13		R.S. 13:102	\$ 648,149
14	02	Salaries and other expenses of the	
15		Supreme Court Proper and salary of	
16		the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$ 5,845,039
17	03	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's	
18		Office of the Judiciary Commission	
19		provided for in Article V, Section	
20		25 of the Constitution of Louisiana and	
21		under the provisions of R.S. 13:32 et seq.	
22	A.	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's	
23		Office	\$ 2,286,502

24 **Program Description:** *The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Supreme*
 25 *Court in the administration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council*
 26 *and the Judiciary Commission. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies*
 27 *and makes recommendations for the creation of new judgeships and for improving*
 28 *the administration of justice. The Office provides payroll and other fiscal services*
 29 *to the Judiciary, including the administration of a judicial retirement system, and*
 30 *supports the Supreme Court and Appellate Court human resource system. The*
 31 *Judicial Administrator's Office provides technological services to courts and*
 32 *manages the Trial Court Case Management Information System. It also manages*
 33 *the ad hoc judgeship system, and monitors cases under advisement. The Office*
 34 *provides outreach services to state and local courts, staffs the Committee on Judicial*
 35 *Ethics, and performs numerous legal services for the Supreme Court and the*
 36 *Judiciary.*

37 B. Expenses of Judiciary Commission \$ 677,963

38 **Program Description:** *The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitutional*
 39 *body established under Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept,*
 40 *screen, investigate, and prosecute complaints of judicial misconduct. As part of its*
 41 *authority, it may recommend to the Supreme Court the censure, suspension, removal*
 42 *from office, or involuntary retirement of any judge for ethical misconduct.*

43 C. Court Reporters as required by
 44 R.S. 13:981 \$ 220,578

45 D. Dues to National Center for
 46 State Courts \$ 120,225

47 04 Expenses of Committee on Professional
 48 Ethics and Grievances including
 49 disbarment proceedings, R.S. 37:211 et seq. \$ 3,000

1	05	Compensation and expenses of retired	
2		judges assigned under Article V,	
3		Section 5(A) of the Constitution of	
4		Louisiana, be it more or less estimated at	\$ 583,950
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6		Compensation and expenses of three retired	
7		judge panel assigned to the First Circuit	
8		Court of Appeal	\$ 567,096
9	06	Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,	
10		services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,	
11		and equipment	\$ 1,312,652
12		Program Description: <i>The Law Library of Louisiana was created by an Act of the</i>	
13		<i>Legislature in 1855 to serve the legal information needs of the public, the state</i>	
14		<i>judiciary, and the practicing bar.</i>	
15	07	Salaries and expenses of transferred	
16		judges assigned under Article V,	
17		Section 5(A) of the Constitution,	
18		be it more or less estimated at	\$ 120,000
19			
20	08	Retirement pay for services rendered by	
21		justices and judges of all courts, as	
22		provided by R.S. 11:1358 and	
23		R.S. 13:103	\$ 2,422,554
24	09	Pensions for widows of justices and	
25		judges of all courts, as provided by	
26		R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it	
27		more or less estimated at	\$ 1,355,628
28	10	Judicial College	\$ 133,845
29		Program Description: <i>The Judicial College was established by order of the</i>	
30		<i>Supreme Court in 1976 to provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.</i>	
31	11	State contribution to judicial	
32		retirement provided for in Article V,	
33		Section 23 of the Constitution and	
34		R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or	
35		less estimated at	\$ 3,282,701
36	12	Civil commitment matters as	
37		required by R.S. 28:54	\$ 143,424
38	13	Funding for statewide operations	
39		of the Louisiana Protective Order	
40		Registry (R.S. 46:2136.2) under the	
41		Case Management Information System	\$ 450,068
42	14	Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct)	
43		for the expenses associated with the operation	
44		of the Families in Need of Services Program (FINS)	<u>\$ 1,700,965</u>

45 **Program Description:** *The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist*
 46 *local FINS processes by developing and implementing a needs-based allocation*
 47 *formula; developing, implementing, and mandating the use of a uniform data system*
 48 *for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal cases; developing and*
 49 *mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and*

1 *reporting performance indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic*
 2 *fiscal reports and financial accountability; and generally supervising and assisting*
 3 *local FINS processes in other ways.*

4 TOTAL - GENERAL FUND \$ 21,874,339

5 15 Administrative expenses of the office
 6 of the Clerk of the Louisiana Supreme
 7 Court attributable to the selection
 8 process of attorney chairman of the
 9 Medical Review Panel as provided
 10 for in R.S. 40:1299.47 to be paid out
 11 of the Patient's Compensation Fund \$ 10,000

12 16 Payable out of the State General Fund
 13 from Statutory Dedications, Judges'
 14 Supplemental Compensation Fund,
 15 R.S. 13:10.3, be it more or less
 16 estimated at \$ 4,000,000

17 **Program Description:** *The Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund was*
 18 *established by the Legislature in 1985 to fund salary supplements and salary-related*
 19 *expenses to judges and commissioners. The funding source is a non-refundable*
 20 *filing fee assessed on civil filings as provided in R.S. 13:10.3.*

21 17 Payable out of the State General Fund
 22 from Statutory Dedications, Trial Court
 23 Case Management Information Fund, for
 24 the Case Management Information System,
 25 Article 887(F) of the Code of Criminal
 26 Procedure, be it more or less estimated at \$ 1,597,840

27 **Program Description:** *The Case Management Information System (CMIS) was*
 28 *created by the Supreme Court in 1993 to provide a statewide information system for*
 29 *tracking and managing criminal, civil, juvenile, traffic, and appellate cases as well*
 30 *as protective orders. Data is received from courts statewide, transferred to the*
 31 *CMIS repository, and made available to courts and executive branch agencies.*
 32 *Additional information will also be available from the Department of Public Safety*
 33 *& Corrections. CMIS is funded from a court cost assessed on all criminal and*
 34 *traffic convictions as provided under C.Cr.P. 887(F).*

35 TOTAL SUPREME COURT \$ 27,482,179

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 37 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

38 **Program Description:** *The five courts of appeal, domiciled in Baton Rouge,*
 39 *Shreveport, Lake Charles, New Orleans, and Gretna, have supervisory jurisdiction*
 40 *over all cases arising within their respective circuits, subject to the general*
 41 *supervisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. Each court of appeal also has*
 42 *appellate jurisdiction over all civil matters, all matters appealed from family and*
 43 *juvenile courts, and all criminal cases triable by a jury which arise within its circuit,*
 44 *except for those cases appealable directly to the Supreme Court or to the district*
 45 *courts.*

46 **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the appellate courts of Louisiana is to provide*
 47 *meaningful access to all who seek review under the Courts' appellate and*
 48 *supervisory jurisdiction granted by the Louisiana Constitution while protecting and*
 49 *promoting the rule of law, preserving the public trust, and using public resources*
 50 *efficiently.*

51 **Goal:** To protect the rule of law.

1 **Objective:** To provide a reasonable opportunity for multi-judge review of decisions
2 made by lower tribunals.

3 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
4 <i>Total appeals filed</i>	4,136	4,213	4,555
5 <i>Total writs filed</i>	6,374	6,900	6,123
6 <i>Total dispositions rendered</i>	9,074	9,385	8,767

7 **Goal:** To promote the rule of law.
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9 **Objective:** To resolve cases expeditiously.

10 **General Performance Information:**

11 *Average number of days from lodging of the appeal to argument: Time Standard =*
12 *no more than 175 days Year 1996 Compared to 2000*

	1996	2000
13 <i>Criminal cases</i>	263	255
14 <i>Civil cases</i>	178	236
15 <i>Total</i>	204	243

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17 *Average number of days from argument to rendering of the opinion: Time Standard*
18 *= no more than 70 days*

19 <i>Criminal cases</i>	48	41
20 <i>Civil cases</i>	63	55
21 <i>Total</i>	58	49

22 **Goal:** To preserve public trust.

23 **Objective:** To facilitate public access to the decisions of the courts of appeal.

24 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999	2000
25 <i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>			
26 <i>to the public within 5 days of decision</i>	100%	100%	100%

28 Payable out of the State General Fund:

29 01	Salaries of fifty-three (53) Judges of 30 the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 4,607,616
31 02	Salaries and expenses of operation and 32 maintenance of the Court of Appeal, 33 First Circuit	\$ 5,887,254
34 03	Salaries and expenses of operation and 35 maintenance of the Court of Appeal, 36 Second Circuit	\$ 3,439,431
37 04	Salaries and expenses of operation and 38 maintenance of the Court of Appeal, 39 Third Circuit	\$ 5,046,134
40 05	Salaries and expenses of operation and 41 maintenance of the Court of Appeal, 42 Fourth Circuit	\$ 4,978,704
43 06	Salaries and expenses of operation and 44 maintenance of the Court of Appeal, 45 Fifth Circuit	<u>\$ 3,425,486</u>
46	TOTAL COURTS OF APPEAL	<u>\$ 27,384,625</u>

1 **03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS**

2 **Program Description:** *There are forty district courts in Louisiana that have*
3 *general jurisdiction over all matters within their territorial limits, except in those*
4 *judicial districts (the 1st, the 19th, and the 24th Judicial Districts) where family and*
5 *juvenile courts have exclusive jurisdiction over certain types of cases and except in*
6 *Orleans Parish where there are separate courts exercising civil, criminal, and*
7 *juvenile jurisdictions, respectively. In certain cases, the forty general jurisdiction*
8 *courts have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace and parish courts. The*
9 *district courts generally have appellate jurisdiction of criminal cases tried by city,*
10 *parish, municipal, traffic, and mayors' courts, except in certain cases. The district*
11 *courts also have appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace in parishes where*
12 *no parish courts exist. The Civil District Court of Orleans Parish has jurisdiction*
13 *of all civil cases in that parish. The Criminal Court of Orleans Parish has*
14 *jurisdiction over all criminal cases in the parish. It also has general supervisory*
15 *jurisdiction over the municipal and traffic courts in Orleans Parish. The Family*
16 *Court of East Baton Rouge Parish has exclusive jurisdiction of many domestic cases*
17 *in the parish. The four juvenile courts located in Caddo, East Baton Rouge,*
18 *Jefferson, and Orleans parishes have exclusive jurisdiction of juvenile cases in their*
19 *respective parishes.*

20 **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the trial courts of Louisiana is to provide*
21 *access to justice, to meet all responsibilities in a timely and expeditious manner, to*
22 *provide equality, fairness, and integrity in their proceedings, to maintain judicial*
23 *independence and accountability, and to reach a fair and just result by adherence*
24 *to the procedural and substantive law, thereby instilling trust and confidence in the*
25 *public.*

26 **Goal:** To establish a more open and accessible system of justice.

27 **Objective:** To encourage responsible parties to make court facilities safe, accessible,
28 and convenient.

29 **General Performance Information:**

	1999
30 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating court</i>	
31 <i>security is an issue the judiciary should address</i>	
32 <i>within the next five years</i>	87.0%
33 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating customer</i>	
34 <i>service/user-friendly courts is an issue the judiciary</i>	
35 <i>should address within the next five years</i>	77.3%

37 **Objective:** To give all who appear before the court reasonable opportunities to
38 participate effectively without undue hardship or inconvenience.

39 **General Performance Information:**

	2000
40 <i>Percentage of district courts audited for ADA compliance</i>	38.3%
41 <i>Percentage of parishes covered by audit of ADA compliance</i>	40.6%

43 **Objective:** To ensure that all judges and other trial court personnel are courteous and
44 responsive to the public and accord respect to all with whom they come into contact.

45 **General Performance Information:**

	1998	1999
46 <i>Percentage of surveyed court users indicating judges</i>		
47 <i>show courtesy and respect to people using</i>		
48 <i>the Louisiana court system</i>	64%	
49 <i>Percentage of surveyed court users indicating court</i>		
50 <i>personnel show courtesy and respect to people</i>		
51 <i>using the Louisiana court system</i>	69%	
52 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating</i>		
53 <i>professionalism is a continuing issue the</i>		
54 <i>judiciary should address within the next five years</i>		79.2%

56 **Objective:** To encourage all responsible public bodies and public officers to make
57 the costs of access to the trial court's proceedings and records -- whether measured in
58 terms of money, time, or the procedures that must be followed -- reasonable, fair, and
59 affordable.

60 **General Performance Information:**

	1998
61 <i>Percentage of surveyed court users indicating going to court</i>	
62 <i>costs too much</i>	83%

1 **Goal:** To meet all responsibilities to everyone affected by the court and its activities
2 in a timely and expeditious manner.

3 **Objective:** To encourage timely case management and processing.

4 **General Performance Information:**

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29 **Objective:** To enhance jury service.

30 **General Performance Information:**

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35 **Goal:** To provide due process and equal protection of the law to all who have
36 business before the court; and to demonstrate integrity in all procedures and decisions.

37 **Objective:** To ensure that the jury venire is representative of jurisdiction from which
38 it is drawn.

39 **General Performance Information:**

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43 **Goal:** To maintain constitutional independence, while observing the principle of
44 cooperation with other branches of government.

45 **Objective:** To maintain the courts' constitutional independence while observing the
46 principle of cooperation with other branches of government.

47 **General Performance Information:**

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53 **Objective:** To seek, use and account for public resources in a responsible manner.

54 **General Performance Information:**

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1	Objective: To inform the community of the court’s structure and function.	
2	General Performance Information:	
3		1999
4	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating improved</i>	
5	<i>outreach/public education is an issue the judiciary should</i>	
6	<i>address within the next five years</i>	72.7%
7	Objective: To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court	
8	operations as necessary.	
9	General Performance Information:	
10		1999
11	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating better court</i>	
12	<i>technology is an issue the judiciary should address within</i>	
13	<i>the next five years</i>	91.4%
14	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating computer</i>	
15	<i>literacy training for judges is an issue the judiciary should</i>	
16	<i>address within the next five years</i>	87.7%
17	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating uniform</i>	
18	<i>trial court rules is an issue the judiciary should address</i>	
19	<i>within the next five years</i>	58.8%
20	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court judges indicating expansion of</i>	
21	<i>alternative sanctions and treatment services for juvenile courts</i>	
22	<i>is an issue the judiciary should address in the next five years</i>	76.0%

23 Payable out of the State General Fund:

24	01	Salaries of one hundred seventy-nine	
25		(179) District Judges as provided	
26		by R.S. 13:691	\$ 14,520,480
27	02	Office and travel expenses of District	
28		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:694	\$ 1,213,000
29	03	Salaries of fourteen (14) Judges of	
30		Civil District Court, Orleans Parish,	
31		as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,135,680
32	04	Expenses of Judges of Civil District	
33		Court, Parish of Orleans, for salaries	
34		of stenographers, clerks, law books,	
35		stationery, telephone, and like expenses	
36		as provided by R.S. 13:694	\$ 70,000
37	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters	
38		of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,	
39		including retirement contributions, as	
40		provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$ 71,317
41	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans	
42		Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$ 10,000
43	07	State share of Group, Workers’	
44		Compensation, General Liability,	
45		and Property Insurance Premiums	
46		as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$ 2,486,169
47	08	Salaries of two (2) commissioners of	
48		the Nineteenth Judicial District and	
49		one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth	
50		Judicial District as provided by	
51		R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,	
52		respectively	\$ 259,172

1	09	Office expenses for the Judicial	
2		Expense Fund of the Nineteenth Judicial	
3		District Court as provided by	
4		R.S. 13:711-713	\$ 261,625
5	10	Office expenses for the Judicial	
6		Expense Fund of the Fifteenth	
7		Judicial District Court as provided	
8		by R.S. 13:714-716	\$ 183,140
9	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District	
10		Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$ <u>25,800</u>
11		SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>20,236,383</u>
12	12	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans	
13		Program Description: <i>The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has</i>	
14		<i>exclusive jurisdiction of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and</i>	
15		<i>offenses committed within the parish of Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by</i>	
16		<i>law in some other court. The court, through its magistrate and with assistance from</i>	
17		<i>its commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates in all felony charges</i>	
18		<i>and the power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or discharge,</i>	
19		<i>or to hold for trial, in all cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction</i>	
20		<i>of all cases tried before the Municipal Court of New Orleans and the Traffic Court</i>	
21		<i>of New Orleans and has general supervisory jurisdiction over these courts.</i>	
22	A.	Salaries of thirteen (13) District Judges of	
23		Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as provided	
24		by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,054,560
25	B.	Office expenses of Judges of Criminal Court,	
26		Orleans Parish and the state's share of group	
27		insurance for the personnel of Criminal Court as	
28		provided by R.S. 13:694 and R.S. 42:851, respectively	\$ 226,258
29	C.	Salaries of thirteen (13) minute clerks as provided	
30		by R.S. 13:1373	\$ 236,605
31	D.	Salaries of twenty-six (26) court reporters as	
32		provided by R.S. 13:1373	\$ 383,339
33	E.	Salaries of four (4) commissioners of Criminal	
34		Court, Orleans Parish, including related benefits	
35		as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 206,904
36	F.	Office and travel expenses of commissioners as	
37		provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 10,000
38	G.	Salaries of four (4) minute clerks, one for each	
39		commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 60,634
40	H.	Salaries of four (4) court reporters, one for each	
41		commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 45,706
42	I.	Salaries of Judicial Administrator, and assistants,	
43		including related benefits	\$ 511,063
44	J.	Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$ 405,830
45	K.	Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$ 117,284

1	L. Sanity Commissions	\$ 182,172
2	M. Board of Jury Commissioners	\$ <u>231,380</u>
3	SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>3,671,735</u>
4	13 Juvenile and Family Court Judges	
5	A. Salaries of fourteen (14) Juvenile Court	
6	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,135,680
7	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court Judges	
8	as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 324,480
9	C. Office expenses of Juvenile and	
10	Family Court Judges as required	
11	by R.S. 13:694	\$ <u>100,800</u>
12	SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>1,560,960</u>
13	TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS	\$ <u>25,469,078</u>
14	03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS	
15	REQUIRED BY STATUTE	
16	Program Description: <i>The category includes forty-seven city courts, one municipal</i>	
17	<i>court (New Orleans), one traffic court (New Orleans), and one parish court</i>	
18	<i>(Ascension Parish).</i>	
19	Payable out of the State General Fund:	
20	01 Salaries of sixty-one (61) City Court	
21	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875	\$ 1,571,429
22	02 Salaries of four (4) Municipal, four (4)	
23	Traffic and one (1) Parish Court	
24	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:2492,	
25	2501.1, and 2563.5, respectively	\$ <u>253,468</u>
26	TOTAL OTHER COURTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE	\$ <u>1,824,897</u>
27	03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT	
28	REQUIRED BY STATUTE	
29	Payable out of the State General Fund:	
30	01 Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective	
31	Care Monitoring Program	\$ 335,713
32	Program Description: <i>The program tracks and monitors child abuse and neglect</i>	
33	<i>cases in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support</i>	
34	<i>of the Families in Need of Services Program.</i>	
35	02 Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Reporters	\$ 56,590
36	03 For the expenses of the Judges’	
37	Assistance Program	\$ <u>25,000</u>
38	Program Description: <i>The Judges’ Assistance Program provides counseling and</i>	
39	<i>other assistance to judges with substance abuse problems.</i>	
40	TOTAL OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE	\$ <u>417,303</u>

1 Section 2.A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or his duly authorized and
2 appointed agent, shall warrant the state treasurer for the allocations herein provided, or for
3 so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the state
4 general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all other
5 warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and warrants
6 for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant provided by this
7 Act.

8 B. The funds drawn as provided herein shall be deposited in the name of the judiciary
9 in an approved bank that has been selected by the Supreme Court and is located in the state.

10 C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously
11 appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest
12 earnings, are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the judiciary;
13 however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable to the state
14 general fund on or before September 1, 2002.

15 D. For Fiscal Year 2001-2002, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made
16 in this Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal year
17 in accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as approved by the
18 Supreme Court.

19 E. The adjustment to be made in the salaries of judicial employees and the number
20 of authorized positions of the judiciary shall be as decided by the judicial agency affected,
21 subject to the approval of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the
22 Supreme Court.

23 F. The program descriptions, general performance indicators, objectives, goals, and
24 mission statements contained in this Act are not part of the law and are not enacted into law
25 by virtue of their inclusion in this Act. The missions, goals, and objectives contained in the
26 Act are derived from performance standards established by Section 10 of Part 6 General
27 Administrative Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

28 Section 3A. The sum of One Million Six Hundred Forty-one Thousand Nine Hundred
29 Eighty-three and No/100 (\$1,641,983.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State
30 General Fund to fund a five-percent salary increase in the actual salaries of Justices of the

1 Supreme Court and Court of Appeal and District Court judges and a five-percent increase in
 2 the state-paid salaries of City Court and Parish Court judges pursuant to a concurrent
 3 resolution adopted during the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature. This appropriation
 4 shall be allocated to the various judges in accordance with the recommendations adopted by
 5 the Judicial Compensation Commission on January 23, 2001, and as approved by the Judicial
 6 Budgetary Control Board and the Supreme Court.

7 B. The sum of Fifty-one Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven and No/100
 8 (\$51,267.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State General Fund to fund the salary
 9 increases for the Commissioners of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court and the Nineteenth
 10 Judicial District Court, provided, however, that such increase shall only be effective in the
 11 event that legislation revising the statutory provisions governing such compensation as
 12 contained in R.S. 13:713 and R.S. 13:715, respectively, is enacted into law in the 2001
 13 Regular Session of the Legislature.

14 C. The sum of Fifty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-four and No/100
 15 (\$54,854.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State General Fund to fund salary
 16 increases for the Commissioners of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, provided,
 17 however, that such increase shall only be effective in the event that legislation revising the
 18 statutory provisions governing such compensation as contained in R.S. 13:1347 is enacted
 19 into law in the 2001 Regular Session of the Legislature.

20 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001; if vetoed by the governor
 21 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001,
 22 or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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HB No. 1783

Abstract: Section 1 provides for expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal Court of Orleans Parish, juvenile and family courts, and other courts. Section 3 appropriates money for a 5% salary increase for the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of Appeal, Judges of District Courts, for the state-paid salaries of City and Parish Court Judges

as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission on January 23, 2001, pursuant to the adoption of a concurrent resolution in the 2001 Regular Session. Also provides pay increase for certain Commissioners of the 15th and 19th JDC and the Orleans Criminal Court contingent upon statutory changes in the Regular Session.

Provides for the expenses of the judicial branch of government as follows:

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$27,482,179
(2)	Courts of Appeal	27,384,625
(3)	District Courts	20,236,383
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	3,671,735
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts	1,560,960
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	1,824,897
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	<u>417,303</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$82,578,082</u>

Of the \$82,578,082 appropriated to the Judiciary in Section 1 of the Act, \$76,970,242 is from the state general fund, \$4,000,000 is from the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, \$1,597,840 is from the Trial Court Case Management Fund, and \$10,000 is from the Patient's Compensation Fund.

Section 3 appropriates \$1,641,983 for a 5% salary increase for the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of Appeal, Judges of District Courts, for the state-paid salaries of City and Parish Court Judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission on January 23, 2001, pursuant to the adoption of a concurrent resolution in the 2001 R.S. Provides for allocation in accordance with the Compensation Commission recommendation and as approved by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board and the Supreme Court.

Section 3 also appropriates \$51,267 for a salary increase for Commissioners of the 15th Judicial District Court (JDC) and the 19th JDC in the event that the statutory provisions governing such compensation are revised in the 2001 R.S. Appropriates \$54,854 for the Commissioners of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in the event that the statutory provisions governing such compensation are revised in the 2001 R.S.

Effective July 1, 2001.