

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriates funds for the expenses of the judiciary.

DIGEST

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	20,398,524
(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>\$82,740,223</u>

Of the \$82,740,223 appropriated to the Judiciary in Section 1 of the Act, \$77,132,383 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 1 also appropriates funding necessary for one half year's operations for new judgeships in the Seventeenth, Nineteenth, and Thirtieth Judicial District Courts (JDC), contingent upon passage of legislation in the 2001 Regular Session establishing such judgeships.

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 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.

Section 4 provides for transfer of \$9,743,701, be it more or less estimated, from the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Addictive Disorders, to the Supreme Court, for the purposes of maintenance and enhancement of drug courts.

Section 5 provides for a total of \$9.7 million in TANF funding from DSS - office of family support to the Supreme Court.

Section 6 provides for a total of \$2.7 million in State General Fund for truancy centers from the Board of Regents to the Supreme Court.

Effective July 1, 2001.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Adds funding for one-half year's operation of new judgeships in the 17th, 19th, and 30th judicial districts.
2. Provides funding to the Supreme Court through interagency transfer from DHH-Office of Addictive Disorders, for maintenance and enhancement of drug courts.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the reengrossed bill.

1. Reduced funding for Drug Courts transferred from DHH - Office of Addictive Disorders from \$10.1 million to \$9.7 million.
2. Adds \$9.7 million in TANF from DSS - Office of Family Support for Drug Courts, Truancy Centers and Court Appointed Special Advocates.
3. Adds \$2.7 million in State General Fund for Truancy Centers from Board of Regents.