

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND KLECKLEY AND SENATORS ALARIO AND DONAHUE

APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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 One Hundred Seventy-Nine Million One Hundred Fourteen
7 Thousand Four Hundred Twenty and No/100 (\$179,114,420.00) Dollars, or so much thereof
8 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the judiciary,
9 including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District
10 Court of Orleans Parish, and of 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 over*
14 *all lower courts. It may establish procedural and administrative rules not in conflict*
15 *with law and may assign a sitting or retired judge to any court. The Supreme Court has*
16 *sole authority to provide by rule for appointments of attorneys as temporary or ad hoc*
17 *judges. It considers applications for writs to review individual cases, and has criminal*
18 *and other appellate jurisdiction. The Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction*
19 *of disciplinary proceedings against lawyers, recommendations of the Judiciary*
20 *Commission of Louisiana for the discipline of judges, and fact questions affecting its*
21 *appellate jurisdiction. It has inherent authority to regulate the legal profession and to*
22 *promulgate and update the Code of Judicial Conduct. The court also provides judicial*
23 *training through the Judicial College and works to improve the administration of*
24 *justice.*

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

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

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

4 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
5			
6	2,852	2,769	3,017
7	10	10	18
8	2,613	2,639	2,790
9	2,916	3,181	2,500

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

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

12 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
13			
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16	96.6%	93.3%	94.3%
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19	40.4%	45.9%	37%
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22	5.2%	8.5%	4.8%
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25	98.7%	88.9%	95.2%
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28	64.4%	80.6%	83.2%

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

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

31 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
32			
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34	100%	100%	100%

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

36 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
37			
38	63	58	78
39	83	77	73
40	21	15	24
41			
42	1,498	1,663	1,760
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44	2,876	3,672	4,694

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

47 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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51	30.20	29.35	36.36
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53	561	537	496
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56	562	619	526

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

3 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
4			
5	Average number of hours acquired through		
6	continuing legal education per lawyer		
7	15.36	15.24	15.46
8	Number of complaints filed against lawyers		
9	3,000	3,042	3,038
	Number of complaints filed against lawyers		
	2,997	2,966	3,319
	resolved or disposed of in calendar year		

10 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

11 01 Salaries of one (1) Chief Justice and six (6)
12 Associate Justices of the Supreme Court,
13 as provided by R.S. 13:102 \$ 1,052,553

14 02 Salaries and other expenses of the
15 Supreme Court Proper and salary of
16 the Crier of the Supreme Court \$ 9,714,732

17 03 Expenses of Judicial Administrator's
18 Office and 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 Office \$ 4,970,135

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

33 B. Expenses of Judiciary Commission \$ 2,025,534

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

38 C. Court Reporters; Statistical Reporting Systems \$ 406,124

39 D. Dues to National Center for State Courts \$ 150,924

40 04 Expenses of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary
41 Board, as per Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX \$ 3,000

42 05 Compensation and expenses of retired
43 judges assigned under Article V,
44 Section 5(A) of the Constitution of
45 Louisiana, be it more or less estimated at \$ 1,518,993

46 06 Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,
47 services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,
48 and equipment \$ 1,996,817

1		Program Description: <i>The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal information needs of the state</i>	
2		<i>judiciary, and is open to members of the bar and public.</i>	
3	07	Salaries and expenses of transferred	
4		judges assigned under Article V,	
5		Section 5(A) of the Constitution,	
6		be it more or less estimated as	\$ 180,323
7	08	Retirement pay for services rendered by	
8		justices and judges of all courts, as	
9		provided by R.S. 11:1358 and	
10		R.S. 13:103	\$ 1,398,390
11	09	Pensions for widows of justices and	
12		judges of all courts, as provided by	
13		R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it	
14		more or less estimated at	\$ 1,609,481
15	10	Judicial College	\$ 274,681
16		Program Description: <i>The Judicial College was established by order of the Supreme Court in 1976 to</i>	
17		<i>provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.</i>	
18	11	State contribution to judicial	
19		retirement provided for in Article V,	
20		Section 23 of the Constitution and	
21		R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or	
22		less estimated at	\$ 17,781,862
23	12	Civil commitment matters as	
24		required by R.S. 28:54	\$ 143,424
25	13	Paul M. Hebert Law Center for the expenses	
26		of storage of appellate court records	\$ 60,000
27	14	Funding for statewide operations of the	
28		Louisiana Protective Order Registry	
29		(R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case	
30		Management Information System	\$ 1,395,496
31	15	Information Technology	\$ 1,101,061
32	16	Payable out of the State General Fund for the	
33		expenses associated with the operation of the	
34		Families in Need of Services Program (FINS)	\$ 2,083,423
35		Program Description: <i>The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist local FINS processes by</i>	
36		<i>developing and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; developing, implementing, and mandating</i>	
37		<i>the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal cases; developing</i>	
38		<i>and mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and reporting performance</i>	
39		<i>indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic fiscal reports and financial accountability;</i>	
40		<i>and, generally supervising and assisting local FINS processes in other ways.</i>	
41	17	Drug court maintenance and enhancement	\$ 17,685,190
42		Program Description: <i>Drug treatment courts, authorized in 1997 by R.S. 13:5301 through R.S. 13:5304,</i>	
43		<i>provided integrated substance abuse treatment, sanctions, and incentives with case processing to place</i>	
44		<i>low-level, nonviolent drug-involved defendants in community-based, judicially supervised rehabilitation</i>	
45		<i>programs. Clients are regularly tested and monitored for compliance with educational, employment, and</i>	
46		<i>treatment requirements set by the court.</i>	
47	18	Court Appointed Special Advocates	<u>\$ 7,012,327</u>

1 **Program Description:** *The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to promote timely placement of*
 2 *children in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance with the provisions of*
 3 *Children's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through local CASA programs which recruit,*
 4 *screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appointment by the trial judge, qualified*
 5 *advocates serve children by providing independent factual information to the judge, advocating for the best*
 6 *interest of the children, monitoring cases to which they have been assigned, and advising and assisting the*
 7 *judge in the determination of the best interest of the children involved.*

8 TOTAL - GENERAL FUND \$ 72,564,470

9 19 Payable out of the State General Fund
 10 from Statutory Dedications, Judges'
 11 Supplemental Compensation Fund,
 12 R.S. 13:10.3, be it more or less
 13 estimated at \$ 6,223,724

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

17 20 Payable out of the State General Fund
 18 from Statutory Dedications, Trial Court
 19 Case Management Information Fund, for
 20 the Case Management Information System,
 21 Article 887(F) of the Code of Criminal
 22 Procedure, be it more or less estimated at \$ 3,999,098

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

30 TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND
 31 BY STATUTORY DEDICATIONS \$ 10,222,822

32 TOTAL SUPREME COURT \$ 82,787,292

33 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

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

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

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

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

4 **General Performance Information:**

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
5			
6	2,838	2,689	2,382
7	4,987	4,499	4,973
8	5,277	6,240	6,432

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

10 **Objective:** To resolve cases expeditiously.

11 **General Performance Information:**

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
12			
13	<i>Average number of days from lodging of the</i>		
14	<i>appeal to argument:</i>		
15	<i>Time Standard = no more than 175 days.</i>		
16	<i>Criminal cases</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>189</i>
17	<i>Civil Cases</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>161</i>
18	<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>172</i>

19 *Average number of days from argument to*
20 *rendering of the opinion:*

21 *Time Standard = no more than 70 days.*

22	<i>Criminal cases</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>38</i>
23	<i>Civil cases</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>44</i>
24	<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>42</i>

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

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

27 **General Performance Information:**

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
28			
29	<i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>		
30	<i>to the public within 5 days of decision</i>		
	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

31 Payable out of the State General Fund:

32	01	Salaries of five (5) Chief Judges	
33		and forty-eight (48) Judges of	
34		the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 7,399,228
35	02	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
36		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
37		First Circuit	\$ 10,007,183
38	03	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
39		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
40		Second Circuit	\$ 5,790,444
41	04	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
42		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
43		Third Circuit	\$ 8,732,316
44	05	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
45		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
46		Fourth Circuit	\$ 7,972,642
47	06	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
48		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
49		Fifth Circuit	<u>\$ 6,063,296</u>
50	TOTAL COURTS OF APPEAL		<u>\$ 45,965,109</u>

03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS

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

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

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

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

General Performance Information:

	2011	2012	2013
<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</i>	91.7%	89.6%	89.6%

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

General Performance Information:

	2011	2012	2013
<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to assist self-represented litigants</i>	93.8%	95.8%	95.8%

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

Objective: To encourage timely case management and processing.

General Performance Information:

	2011	2012	2013
<i>Number of parishes reporting criminal disposition data to CMIS</i>	62	63	63
<i>Percentage of parishes reporting criminal disposition data to CMIS</i>	97%	98%	99%
<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating that their courts had taken steps within FY 2012-2013 to reduce delays and improve the timeliness of case processing</i>	91.7%	91.7%	91.7%

Objective: To enhance jury service.

General Performance Information:

	2011	2012	2013
<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating that their court had taken steps within FY 2012-2013 to make jury service more convenient or effective</i>	95.3%	93%	97.7%

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

3 **Objective:** To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court operations
4 as necessary.

5 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
6			
7 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
8 <i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to improve employee</i>			
9 <i>training and development</i>	93.8%	89.6%	89.6%
10 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
11 <i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to install or implement</i>			
12 <i>technologies</i>	93.8%	91.7%	91.7%

13 **Goal:** To maintain judicial independence, while observing the principle of comity in
14 its governmental relations and accountability to the public.

15 **Objective:** To inform the community of the court's structure and function.

16 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
17			
18 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
19 <i>that their courts regularly provided public education</i>			
20 <i>and public outreach services in FY 2012-2013</i>	91.7%	89.6%	93.8%

21 Payable out of the State General Fund:

22	01	Salaries of one hundred ninety-one		
23		(191) District Judges as provided		
24		by R.S. 13:691	\$	25,414,778
25	02	Office and travel expenses of District		
26		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698 and		
27		R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$	1,285,850
28	03	Salaries of fourteen (14) Judges of		
29		Civil District Court, Orleans Parish,		
30		as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	1,862,865
31	04	Expenses of Judges of Civil District		
32		Court, Parish of Orleans, for salaries		
33		of stenographers, clerks, law books,		
34		stationery, telephone, and like expenses		
35		as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$	80,500
36	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters		
37		of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,		
38		including retirement contributions, as		
39		provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$	113,354
40	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans		
41		Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$	10,000
42	07	State share of Group, Workers'		
43		Compensation, General Liability,		
44		and Property Insurance Premiums		
45		as provided by R.S.42:851	\$	5,771,512
46	08	Salaries of two (2) commissioners of		
47		the Nineteenth Judicial District and		
48		one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth		
49		Judicial District as provided by		
50		R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,		
51		respectively	\$	526,015

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	\$ 469,812
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	\$ 293,046
9	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District	
10		Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$ 47,968
11	12	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense	
12		Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as	
13		provided by Act 57 of 2006	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
14		SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 35,910,700</u>
15	13	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans	
16		Program Description: <i>The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has exclusive jurisdiction</i>	
17		<i>of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and offenses committed within the parish of</i>	
18		<i>Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law in some other court. The court, through its magistrate and</i>	
19		<i>with assistance from its commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates in all felony charges and</i>	
20		<i>the power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or discharge, or to hold for trial, in all</i>	
21		<i>cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction of all cases tried before the Municipal Court</i>	
22		<i>of New Orleans and the Traffic Court of New Orleans and has general supervisory jurisdiction over these</i>	
23		<i>courts.</i>	
24	A.	Salaries of thirteen (13) District Judges of	
25		Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as provided	
26		by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,729,803
27	B.	Office expenses of Judges of Criminal Court,	
28		Orleans Parish as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$ 74,750
29	C.	State's share of group insurance for the personnel	
30		of Criminal Court as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$ 604,800
31	D.	Salaries of thirteen (13) minute clerks as provided	
32		by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 284,216
33	E.	Salaries of twenty-six (26) court reporters as	
34		provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 449,172
35	F.	Salaries of four (4) commissioners of Criminal	
36		Court, Orleans Parish, including related benefits	
37		as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 463,745
38	G.	Office and travel expenses of commissioners as	
39		provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 10,000
40	H.	Salaries of four (4) minute clerks, one for each	
41		commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 72,898
42	I.	Salaries of four (4) court reporters, one for each	
43		commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 54,954
44	J.	Salaries of Judicial Administrator, and assistants,	
45		including related benefits	\$ 1,001,031

1	K. Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$ 729,085
2	L. Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$ 211,288
3	M. Sanity Commissions	\$ 102,120
4	N. Board of Jury Commissioners	<u>\$ 416,919</u>
5	SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 6,204,781</u>
6	14 Juvenile and Family Court Judges	
7	A. Salaries of fourteen (14) Juvenile Court	
8	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,862,865
9	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court Judges	
10	as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 532,248
11	C. Office and travel expenses of Juvenile and Family	
12	Court Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698	
13	and R.S. 13:694, respectively	<u>\$ 103,500</u>
14	SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 2,498,613</u>
15	TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS	<u>\$ 44,614,094</u>

16 **03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS REQUIRED**
17 **BY STATUTE**

18 **Program Description:** *The category includes forty-seven city courts, one municipal*
19 *court (New Orleans), one traffic court (New Orleans), and one parish court (Ascension*
20 *Parish).*

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

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

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

30 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
31			
32	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>		
33	<i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to assist pro</i>		
34	<i>se litigants</i>		
	98.1%	96.2%	100%

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

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

38 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
39			
40	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges</i>		
41	<i>indicating that their courts had taken steps within</i>		
42	<i>FY 2012-2013 to reduce delays and improve the</i>		
43	<i>timeliness of case processing</i>		
	90.4%	86.5%	84.3%

44 **Goal:** To maintain judicial independence, while observing the principle of comity in
45 its governmental relations and accountability to the public.

1 **Objective:** To inform the community of the court's structure and function.

2 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
3			
4	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>		
5	<i>that their courts regularly provided public education and</i>		
6	<i>public outreach services in FY 2012-2013</i>		
	90.4%	88.5%	92.2%

7 **Objective:** To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court
8 operations as necessary.

9 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
10			
11	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>		
12	<i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to improve</i>		
13	<i>employee training and development</i>		
14	90.4%	92.3%	96.1%
15	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>		
16	<i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to install or</i>		
	<i>implement technologies</i>		
	90.4%	86.5%	86.3%

17 Payable out of the State General Fund:

18	01	Salaries of sixty (60) City Court	
19		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875	\$ 2,577,741
20	02	Salaries of four (4) Municipal, four (4)	
21		Traffic and one (1) Parish Court	
22		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:2492,	
23		13:2501.1, and 13:2563.5, respectively	<u>\$ 415,775</u>
24	TOTAL OTHER COURTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE		<u>\$ 2,993,516</u>

25 **03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT**
26 **REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

27 Payable out of the State General Fund:

28	01	Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective	
29		Care Monitoring Program	\$ 584,475
30	Program Description: <i>The program tracks and maintains child abuse and neglect cases in the Orleans</i>		
31	<i>Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support of the Families in Need of Services Program.</i>		
32	02	Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Reporters	\$ 88,370
33	03	For the expenses of the Judges'	
34		Assistance Program	<u>\$ 63,189</u>
35	Program Description: <i>The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance to judges</i>		
36	<i>with substance abuse problems.</i>		
37	TOTAL OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE		<u>\$ 736,034</u>

38 **03-8175 NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES**

39 Payable out of the State General Fund:

40	01	Legal representation of children in child protection cases	<u>\$ 2,018,375</u>
41	Program Description: <i>As recommended by the Task Force on Legal representation</i>		
42	<i>in Child Protection Cases and at the request of the Division of Administration, in</i>		
43	<i>order to advance the administration of justice, the Supreme Court administers</i>		
44	<i>funding to provide qualified legal representation for children in child protection</i>		
45	<i>cases as required to fulfill the state's statutory responsibility.</i>		
46	TOTAL NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES		<u>\$ 2,018,375</u>

1 Section 2.A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or her 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 in
9 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, 2015.

15 D. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made in this
16 Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal year in
17 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 of
20 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 information and indicators, objectives,
24 goals, and mission statements contained in this Act are not part of the law and are not enacted
25 into law by virtue of their inclusion in this Act. The missions, goals, and objectives contained
26 in the Act are derived from performance standards established by Section 10 of Part G
27 General Administrative Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

28 G. The inclusion in this Act of staff salaries and benefits for lower court or other judicial
29 branch agency employees shall not be deemed to create or impose any obligation upon the
30 State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial Budgetary

1 Control Board, or the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office relative to the
 2 administration of pay, retirement or other benefits to any such employees. Accordingly, the
 3 State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial Budgetary
 4 Control Board, and the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office are not to be
 5 considered the "employer" or "employing agency" of lower court or other judicial agency
 6 employees whose staff salaries and other benefits are included in this Act.

7 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014; if vetoed by the governor and
 8 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014, or
 9 on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

In accordance with R.S. 39:51(D), the following represents a comparative statement for each Court and program. The operating budget for FY 2013-2014 is compared to the appropriations for FY 2014-2015 as contained in the original bill.

	Operating Budget	Appropriation Request
<u>Courts and Programs</u>	<u>FY 2013-2014</u>	<u>FY 2014-2015</u>
Supreme Court		
Total Supreme Court	\$67,149,982	\$72,564,470
Courts of Appeal		
Total Courts of Appeal	\$42,983,136	\$45,965,109
District Courts		
Total District Courts	\$42,047,475	\$44,614,094
Other Courts		
Total Other Courts	\$2,925,833	\$2,993,516
Other Programs		
Total Other Programs	\$692,508	\$736,034
Non-Judicial State Expenses		
Total State Expenses	<u>\$1,976,474</u>	<u>\$2,018,375</u>
Total State General Fund and Interagency Transfer		
All Line Items	<u>\$157,775,408</u>	<u>\$168,891,598</u>
Total Statutory Dedications	<u>\$9,797,469</u>	<u>\$10,222,822</u>
Total Funding	<u>\$167,572,877</u>	<u>\$179,114,420</u>

DIGEST

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HB No. 1095

Abstract: Appropriates funds for FY 2014-2015 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.

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$179,114,420 from the following sources: \$168,891,598 out of the State General Fund (Direct) and \$10,222,822 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund.

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

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 82,787,292
(2)	Courts of Appeal	45,965,109
(3)	District Courts	35,910,700
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	6,204,781
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts	2,498,613
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	2,993,516
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	736,034
(8)	Non-Judicial State Expenses	<u>2,018,375</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$179,114,420</u>

Effective July 1, 2014.