

ACT No. 65

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN AND KLECKLEY AND SENATORS ALARIO AND DONAHUE

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*
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 has criminal and other appellate jurisdiction. The Supreme*
19 *Court has exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against*
20 *lawyers, recommendations of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana for the*
21 *discipline of judges, and fact questions affecting its appellate jurisdiction. It has*
22 *inherent authority to regulate the legal profession and to promulgate and update*
23 *the Code of Judicial Conduct. The court also provides judicial training through the*
24 *Judicial 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*
28 *of 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.

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

33 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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35	2,852	2,769	3,017
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37	2,613	2,639	2,790
38	2,916	3,181	2,500

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

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

3 **General Performance Information:**

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

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

23 **General Performance Information:**

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

29 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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38 **Objective:** To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence
39 of the bench.

40 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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50 **Objective:** To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence
51 of the bar.

52 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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59 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

60	01	Salaries of one (1) Chief Justice and six (6)	
61		Associate Justices of the Supreme Court,	
62		as provided by R.S. 13:102	\$ 1,052,553

1	02	Salaries and other expenses of the	
2		Supreme Court Proper and salary of	
3		the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$ 9,714,732
4	03	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's	
5		Office and of the Judiciary Commission	
6		provided for in Article V, Section	
7		25 of the Constitution of Louisiana and	
8		under the provisions of R.S. 13:32 et seq.	
9	A.	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's Office	\$ 4,970,135
10		Program Description: <i>The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Supreme Court in the</i>	
11		<i>administration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council and the Judiciary Commission</i>	
12		<i>of Louisiana. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies and makes recommendations for the</i>	
13		<i>creation of new judgeships and for improving the administration of justice. The Judicial</i>	
14		<i>Administrator's Office provides payroll and other fiscal services to the Judiciary, including the</i>	
15		<i>administration of a judicial retirement system; support for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court</i>	
16		<i>human resource system; technological services to courts; and, manages the Trial Court Case</i>	
17		<i>Management Information System. The Judicial Administrator's Office also manages the ad hoc</i>	
18		<i>judgeship system, monitors cases under advisement, provides outreach services to state and local</i>	
19		<i>courts, staffs the Committee on Judicial Ethics, and performs numerous legal services for the Supreme</i>	
20		<i>Court and the Judiciary.</i>	
21	B.	Expenses of Judiciary Commission	\$ 2,025,534
22		Program Description: <i>The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitutional body established</i>	
23		<i>under Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept, screen, investigate, and prosecute</i>	
24		<i>complaints of judicial misconduct. As part of its authority, it may recommend to the Supreme Court</i>	
25		<i>the censure, suspension, removal from office, or involuntary retirement of any judge for ethical</i>	
26		<i>misconduct.</i>	
27	C.	Court Reporters; Statistical Reporting Systems	\$ 406,124
28	D.	Dues to National Center for State Courts	\$ 150,924
29	04	Expenses of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary	
30		Board, as per Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX	\$ 3,000
31	05	Compensation and expenses of retired	
32		judges assigned under Article V,	
33		Section 5(A) of the Constitution of	
34		Louisiana, be it more or less estimated at	\$ 1,518,993
35	06	Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,	
36		services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,	
37		and equipment	\$ 1,996,817
38		Program Description: <i>The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal information needs of the state</i>	
39		<i>judiciary, and is open to members of the bar and public.</i>	
40	07	Salaries and expenses of transferred	
41		judges assigned under Article V,	
42		Section 5(A) of the Constitution,	
43		be it more or less estimated as	\$ 180,323
44	08	Retirement pay for services rendered by	
45		justices and judges of all courts, as	
46		provided by R.S. 11:1358 and	
47		R.S. 13:103	\$ 1,398,390
48	09	Pensions for widows of justices and	
49		judges of all courts, as provided by	
50		R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it	
51		more or less estimated at	\$ 1,609,481

1	10	Judicial College	\$ 274,681
2		Program Description: <i>The Judicial College was established by order of the Supreme Court in 1976</i>	
3		<i>to provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.</i>	
4	11	State contribution to judicial	
5		retirement provided for in Article V,	
6		Section 23 of the Constitution and	
7		R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or	
8		less estimated at	\$ 17,781,862
9	12	Civil commitment matters as	
10		required by R.S. 28:54	\$ 143,424
11	13	Paul M. Hebert Law Center for the expenses	
12		of storage of appellate court records	\$ 60,000
13	14	Funding for statewide operations of the	
14		Louisiana Protective Order Registry	
15		(R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case	
16		Management Information System	\$ 1,395,496
17	15	Information Technology	\$ 1,101,061
18	16	Payable out of the State General Fund for the	
19		expenses associated with the operation of the	
20		Families in Need of Services Program (FINS)	\$ 2,083,423
21		Program Description: <i>The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist local FINS processes</i>	
22		<i>by developing and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; developing, implementing, and</i>	
23		<i>mandating the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal</i>	
24		<i>cases; developing and mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and</i>	
25		<i>reporting performance indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic fiscal reports and</i>	
26		<i>financial accountability; and, generally supervising and assisting local FINS processes in other ways.</i>	
27	17	Drug court maintenance and enhancement	\$ 11,685,190
28		Program Description: <i>Drug treatment courts, authorized in 1997 by R.S. 13:5301 through R.S.</i>	
29		<i>13:5304, provided integrated substance abuse treatment, sanctions, and incentives with case</i>	
30		<i>processing to place low-level, nonviolent drug-involved defendants in community-based, judicially</i>	
31		<i>supervised rehabilitation programs. Clients are regularly tested and monitored for compliance with</i>	
32		<i>educational, employment, and treatment requirements set by the court.</i>	
33	18	Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ <u>2,575,827</u>
34		Program Description: <i>The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to promote timely placement</i>	
35		<i>of children in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance with the provisions</i>	
36		<i>of Children's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through local CASA programs which</i>	
37		<i>recruit, screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appointment by the trial judge,</i>	
38		<i>qualified advocates serve children by providing independent factual information to the judge,</i>	
39		<i>advocating for the best interest of the children, monitoring cases to which they have been assigned,</i>	
40		<i>and advising and assisting the judge in the determination of the best interest of the children involved.</i>	
41	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND		\$ <u>62,127,970</u>
42	19	Payable out of the State General Fund	
43		from Statutory Dedications, Judges'	
44		Supplemental Compensation Fund,	
45		R.S. 13:10.3, be it more or less	
46		estimated at	\$ 6,223,724
47		Program Description: <i>The Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund was established by the</i>	
48		<i>Legislature in 1985 to fund salary supplements and salary-related expenses to judges and</i>	
49		<i>commissioners. The funding source is a non-refundable filing fee assessed on civil filings as provided</i>	
50		<i>in R.S. 13:10.3.</i>	

1 20 Payable out of the State General Fund
 2 from Statutory Dedications, Trial Court
 3 Case Management Information Fund, for
 4 the Case Management Information System,
 5 Article 887(F) of the Code of Criminal
 6 Procedure, be it more or less estimated at \$ 3,999,098

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

14 **TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND**
 15 **BY STATUTORY DEDICATIONS** \$ 10,222,822

16 21 Drug court maintenance and enhancement, payable
 17 out of the State General Fund through Interagency
 18 Transfers from the Department of Children and
 19 Family Services \$ 6,000,000

20 22 Court Appointed Special Advocates, payable out of
 21 the State General Fund through Interagency Transfers
 22 from the Department of Children and Family
 23 Services \$ 4,436,500

24 **TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND**
 25 **THROUGH INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS** \$ 10,436,500

26 **TOTAL SUPREME COURT** \$ 82,787,292

27 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

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

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

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

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

44 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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47	2,838	2,689	2,382
48	4,987	4,499	4,973
49	5,277	6,240	6,432

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

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

3 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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5	<i>Average number of days from lodging of the</i>		
6	<i>appeal to argument:</i>		
7	<i>Time Standard = no more than 175 days.</i>		
8	<i>Criminal cases</i>	145	189
9	<i>Civil Cases</i>	175	161
10	<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	155	172

11 *Average number of days from argument to*
 12 *rendering of the opinion:*

13	<i>Time Standard = no more than 70 days.</i>		
14	<i>Criminal cases</i>	41	37
15	<i>Civil cases</i>	37	41
16	<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	38	38

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

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

19 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
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21	<i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>		
22	<i>to the public within 5 days of decision</i>		
23	100%	100%	100%

24 Payable out of the State General Fund:

25	01	Salaries of five (5) Chief Judges	
26		and forty-eight (48) Judges of	
27		the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 7,399,228
28	02	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
29		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
30		First Circuit	\$ 10,007,183
31	03	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
32		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
33		Second Circuit	\$ 5,790,444
34	04	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
35		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
36		Third Circuit	\$ 8,732,316
37	05	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
38		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
39		Fourth Circuit	\$ 7,972,642
40	06	Salaries and expenses of operation and	
41		maintenance of the Court of Appeal,	
42		Fifth Circuit	<u>\$ 6,063,296</u>
43	TOTAL COURTS OF APPEAL		<u>\$ 45,965,109</u>

44 **03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS**

45 **Program Description:** *There are forty-one district courts in Louisiana that have*
 46 *general jurisdiction over all matters within their territorial limits, except in those*
 47 *judicial districts (the 1st, the 19th, and the 24th Judicial Districts) where family and*
 48 *juvenile courts have exclusive jurisdiction over certain types of cases and except in*
 49 *Orleans Parish where there are separate courts exercising civil, criminal, and*
 50 *juvenile jurisdictions, respectively. In certain cases, the forty-one general*
 51 *jurisdiction courts have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace and parish*
 52 *courts. The district courts generally have appellate jurisdiction of criminal cases*
 53 *tried by city, parish, municipal, traffic, and mayors' courts, except in certain cases.*
 54 *The district courts also have appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace in*

1 *parishes where no parish courts exist. The Civil District Court of Orleans Parish*
 2 *has jurisdiction of all civil cases in that parish. The Criminal District Court of*
 3 *Orleans Parish has jurisdiction over all criminal cases in the parish. It also has*
 4 *general supervisory jurisdiction over the municipal and traffic courts in Orleans*
 5 *Parish. The Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish has exclusive jurisdiction of*
 6 *many domestic cases in the parish. The four juvenile courts located in Caddo, East*
 7 *Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans parishes have exclusive jurisdiction of juvenile*
 8 *cases in their respective parishes.*

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

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

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

18 **General Performance Information:**

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

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

27 **General Performance Information:**

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

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

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

35 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
36 <i>Number of parishes reporting criminal disposition</i>			
37 <i>data to CMIS</i>	62	63	63
38 <i>Percentage of parishes reporting criminal disposition</i>			
39 <i>data to CMIS</i>	97%	98%	99%
40 <i>Percentage of surveyed district 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>	91.7%	91.7%	91.7%

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

46 **General Performance Information:**

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

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

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

55 **General Performance Information:**

	2011	2012	2013
56 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
57 <i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to improve employee</i>			
58 <i>training and development</i>	93.8%	89.6%	89.6%
59 <i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating</i>			
60 <i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to install or implement</i>			
61 <i>technologies</i>	93.8%	91.7%	91.7%

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

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

4 **General Performance Information:**

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

9 Payable out of the State General Fund:

10	01	Salaries of one hundred ninety-one	
11		(191) District Judges as provided	
12		by R.S. 13:691	\$ 25,414,778
13	02	Office and travel expenses of District	
14		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698 and	
15		R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$ 1,285,850
16	03	Salaries of fourteen (14) Judges of	
17		Civil District Court, Orleans Parish,	
18		as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,862,865
19	04	Expenses of Judges of Civil District	
20		Court, Parish of Orleans, for salaries	
21		of stenographers, clerks, law books,	
22		stationery, telephone, and like expenses	
23		as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$ 80,500
24	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters	
25		of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,	
26		including retirement contributions, as	
27		provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$ 113,354
28	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans	
29		Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$ 10,000
30	07	State share of Group, Workers'	
31		Compensation, General Liability,	
32		and Property Insurance Premiums	
33		as provided by R.S.42:851	\$ 5,771,512
34	08	Salaries of two (2) commissioners of	
35		the Nineteenth Judicial District and	
36		one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth	
37		Judicial District as provided by	
38		R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,	
39		respectively	\$ 526,015
40	09	Office expenses for the Judicial	
41		Expense Fund of the Nineteenth Judicial	
42		District Court as provided by	
43		R.S. 13:711-713	\$ 469,812
44	10	Office expenses for the Judicial	
45		Expense Fund of the Fifteenth	
46		Judicial District Court as provided	
47		by R.S. 13:714-716	\$ 293,046
48	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District	
49		Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$ 47,968

1	12	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense	
2		Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as	
3		provided by Act 57 of 2006	\$ <u>35,000</u>
4		SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>35,910,700</u>
5	13	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans	
6		Program Description: <i>The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has exclusive</i>	
7		<i>jurisdiction of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and offenses committed within the</i>	
8		<i>parish of Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law in some other court. The court, through its</i>	
9		<i>magistrate and with assistance from its commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates in all</i>	
10		<i>felony charges and the power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or discharge,</i>	
11		<i>or to hold for trial, in all cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction of all cases tried</i>	
12		<i>before the Municipal Court of New Orleans and the Traffic Court of New Orleans and has general</i>	
13		<i>supervisory jurisdiction over these courts.</i>	
14		A. Salaries of thirteen (13) District Judges of	
15		Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as provided	
16		by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,729,803
17		B. Office expenses of Judges of Criminal Court,	
18		Orleans Parish as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$ 74,750
19		C. State's share of group insurance for the personnel	
20		of Criminal Court as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$ 604,800
21		D. Salaries of thirteen (13) minute clerks as provided	
22		by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 284,216
23		E. Salaries of twenty-six (26) court reporters as	
24		provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 449,172
25		F. Salaries of four (4) commissioners of Criminal	
26		Court, Orleans Parish, including related benefits	
27		as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 463,745
28		G. Office and travel expenses of commissioners as	
29		provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 10,000
30		H. Salaries of four (4) minute clerks, one for each	
31		commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 72,898
32		I. Salaries of four (4) court reporters, one for each	
33		commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 54,954
34		J. Salaries of Judicial Administrator, and assistants,	
35		including related benefits	\$ 1,001,031
36		K. Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$ 729,085
37		L. Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$ 211,288
38		M. Sanity Commissions	\$ 102,120
39		N. Board of Jury Commissioners	<u>\$ 416,919</u>
40		SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>6,204,781</u>
41	14	Juvenile and Family Court Judges	
42		A. Salaries of fourteen (14) Juvenile Court	
43		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,862,865

1	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court Judges	
2	as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 532,248
3	C. Office and travel expenses of Juvenile and Family	
4	Court Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698	
5	and R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$ <u>103,500</u>
6	SUBTOTAL	\$ <u>2,498,613</u>
7	TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS	\$ <u><u>44,614,094</u></u>

8 **03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS**
 9 **REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

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

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

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

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

24		2011	2012	2013
25	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
26	<i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to assist pro</i>			
27	<i>se litigants</i>	98.1%	96.2%	100%

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

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

31 **General Performance Information:**

32		2011	2012	2013
33	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges</i>			
34	<i>indicating that their courts had taken steps within</i>			
35	<i>FY 2012-2013 to reduce delays and improve the</i>			
36	<i>timeliness of case processing</i>	90.4%	86.5%	84.3%

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

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

40 **General Performance Information:**

41		2011	2012	2013
42	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
43	<i>that their courts regularly provided public education and</i>			
44	<i>public outreach services in FY 2012-2013</i>	90.4%	88.5%	92.2%

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

47 **General Performance Information:**

48		2011	2012	2013
49	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
50	<i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to improve</i>			
51	<i>employee training and development</i>	90.4%	92.3%	96.1%
52	<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
53	<i>actions taken in FY 2012-2013 to install or</i>			
54	<i>implement technologies</i>	90.4%	86.5%	86.3%

1 Payable out of the State General Fund:

2	01	Salaries of sixty (60) City Court	
3		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875	\$ 2,577,741
4	02	Salaries of four (4) Municipal, four (4)	
5		Traffic and one (1) Parish Court	
6		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:2492,	
7		13:2501.1, and 13:2563.5, respectively	\$ <u>415,775</u>
8		TOTAL OTHER COURTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE	\$ <u>2,993,516</u>

9 **03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT**
 10 **REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

11 Payable out of the State General Fund:

12	01	Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective	
13		Care Monitoring Program	\$ 584,475
14		Program Description: <i>The program tracks and maintains child abuse and neglect cases in the</i>	
15		<i>Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support of the Families in Need of</i>	
16		<i>Services Program.</i>	
17	02	Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Reporters	\$ 88,370
18	03	For the expenses of the Judges'	
19		Assistance Program	\$ <u>63,189</u>
20		Program Description: <i>The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance to</i>	
21		<i>judges with substance abuse problems.</i>	
22		TOTAL OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE	\$ <u>736,034</u>

23 **03-8175 NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES**

24 Payable out of the State General Fund:

25	01	Legal representation of children in child protection cases	\$ <u>2,018,375</u>
26		Program Description: <i>As recommended by the Task Force on Legal representation</i>	
27		<i>in Child Protection Cases and at the request of the Division of Administration, in</i>	
28		<i>order to advance the administration of justice, the Supreme Court administers</i>	
29		<i>funding to provide qualified legal representation for children in child protection</i>	
30		<i>cases as required to fulfill the state's statutory responsibility.</i>	
31		TOTAL NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES	\$ <u>2,018,375</u>

32 Section 2. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the
 33 State General Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be reduced by a total
 34 amount of Three Million One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety and
 35 No/100 (\$3,116,190.00) Dollars, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary
 36 Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

37 Section 3.A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or her duly authorized and
 38 appointed agent, shall warrant the state treasurer for the allocations herein provided, or
 39 for so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the
 40 state general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all

1 other warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and
2 warrants for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant
3 provided by this Act.

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

7 C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously
8 appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest
9 earnings are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the judiciary;
10 however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable to the
11 state general fund on or before September 1, 2015.

12 D. For Fiscal Year 2014-2015, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made
13 in this Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal
14 year in accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as approved
15 by the Supreme Court.

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

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

25 G. The inclusion in this Act of staff salaries and benefits for lower court or other
26 judicial branch agency employees shall not be deemed to create or impose any obligation
27 upon the State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the Judicial
28 Budgetary Control Board, or the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office relative
29 to the administration of pay, retirement or other benefits to any such employees.
30 Accordingly, the State of Louisiana Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, the
31 Judicial Budgetary Control Board, and the Supreme Court Judicial Administrator's Office

1 are not to be considered the "employer" or "employing agency" of lower court or other
 2 judicial agency employees whose staff salaries and other benefits are included in this Act.

3 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014; if vetoed by the governor
 4 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 5 2014, or 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>

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____