

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, BARRAS, JACKSON, AND MAGEE AND  
SENATORS ALARIO, LAFLEUR, AND MORRELL

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; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1.A. The sum of One Hundred Eighty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Six  
8 Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six No/100 (\$180,836,846) Dollars, or so much thereof as  
9 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the judiciary, including  
10 the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District Court of  
11 Orleans Parish, and of the other courts.

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

13 **03-8170 SUPREME COURT**

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

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

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

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

31 **General Performance Information:**

	2016	2017	2018
32 Total Filings	2,283	2,181	2,117

1	<i>Total Appeals Filed</i>	9	4	6
2	<i>Total Writs Filed</i>	2,092	1,997	1,925
3	<i>Total Dispositions Rendered</i>	2,142	2,039	2,344
4	<b>Goal:</b> To promote the rule of law.			
5	<b>Objective:</b> To resolve cases in a timely manner.			
6	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
7		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
8	<i>Percentage of noncriminal case</i>			
9	<i>applications acted on within Supreme</i>			
10	<i>Court standard of 120 days of filing</i>	94.1%	88%	83.4%
11	<i>Percentage of criminal case applications</i>			
12	<i>acted on within Supreme Court</i>			
13	<i>standard of 120 days of filing</i>	48.7%	34.9%	34.1%
14	<i>Percentage of pro se post conviction</i>			
15	<i>applications acted on within Supreme</i>			
16	<i>Court standard of 120 days of filing</i>	26%	20.8%	23%
17	<i>Percentage of bar disciplinary filings</i>			
18	<i>acted upon within Supreme Court</i>			
19	<i>standard of 120 days from filing</i>	93.6%	89.3%	85%
20	<i>Percentage of opinions rendered within</i>			
21	<i>Supreme Court standard of 84 days</i>			
22	<i>from argument</i>	66.7%	73.2%	74%
23	<b>Goal:</b> To ensure the public trust.			
24	<b>Objective:</b> To facilitate public access to Supreme Court decisions.			
25	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
26		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
27	<i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>			
28	<i>to the public within 5 days of decision</i>	100%	100%	100%
29	<b>Objective:</b> To inform the public of operations and activities.			
30	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
31		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
32	<i>Number of outreach programs</i>	60	70	84
33	<i>Number of media releases on court decisions</i>	78	65	56
34	<i>Number of media releases on other matters</i>	24	18	20
35	<i>Number of recipients of releases on</i>			
36	<i>court decisions</i>	1,775	1,932	2,054
37	<i>Number of recipients of releases on other</i>			
38	<i>matters</i>	6,010	3,489	5,835
39	<b>Objective:</b> To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence of the bench.			
40	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
41		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
42	<i>Average number of hours acquired</i>			
43	<i>through continuing legal education</i>			
44	<i>per judge</i>	30.08	29.03	29.47
45	<i>Number of complaints filed against</i>			
46	<i>judges and justices of the peace</i>	545	533	543
47	<i>Number of complaints against judges</i>			
48	<i>and justices of the peace resolved or</i>			
49	<i>disposed of in the calendar year</i>	582	546	428
50	<b>Objective:</b> To ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence of the bar.			
51	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
52		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
53	<i>Average number of hours acquired through</i>			
54	<i>continuing legal education per lawyer</i>	15.08	14.76	14.75
55	<i>Number of complaints filed against lawyers</i>	2,922	2,795	2,534
56	<i>Number of complaints filed against lawyers</i>			
57	<i>resolved or disposed of in calendar year</i>	2,673	3,096	2,692

		<b><u>FY 19 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20</u></b>
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4	Salaries of one (1) Chief Justice and		
5	six (6) Associate Justices of the		
	Supreme Court, as provided by		
	R.S. 13:102	\$ 1,125,252	\$ 1,125,252
6	02		
7	Salaries and other expenses of the		
8	Supreme Court Proper and salary of		
	the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$ 4,963,652	\$ 7,838,391
9	03		
10	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's		
11	Office and of the Judiciary		
12	Commission provided for in Article V,		
13	Section 25 of the Constitution of		
14	Louisiana and under the provisions of		
	R.S. 13:32 et seq.		
15	A. Expenses of Judicial		
16	Administrator's Office	\$ 4,758,857	\$ 5,297,755
17	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Supreme Court in the</i>		
18	<i>administration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council and the Judiciary Commission</i>		
19	<i>of Louisiana. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies and makes recommendations for the</i>		
20	<i>creation of new judgeships and for improving the administration of justice. The Judicial</i>		
21	<i>Administrator's Office provides payroll and other fiscal services to the Judiciary, including the</i>		
22	<i>administration of a judicial retirement system; support for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court</i>		
23	<i>human resource system; and support for judicial branch reporting obligations. The Judicial</i>		
24	<i>Administrator's Office also manages the ad hoc judgeship system, monitors cases under advisement,</i>		
25	<i>provides support for initiatives to ensure access to the courts for limited English proficiency</i>		
26	<i>individuals; provides outreach services to state and local courts, applies for and administers grants</i>		
27	<i>to improve judicial administration; and staffs the Committee on Judicial Ethics. The Judicial</i>		
28	<i>Administrator's office administers several programs, including the Supreme Court Drug Court /</i>		
29	<i>Specialty Court Office, the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, and CASA and FINS through the</i>		
30	<i>Division of Children and Families. The Judicial Administrator's office also provides staff support for</i>		
31	<i>the Louisiana Judicial College, and performs numerous legal services for the Supreme Court and the</i>		
32	<i>Judiciary.</i>		
33	B. Expenses of Judiciary Commission	\$ 1,918,921	\$ 2,105,692
34	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitutional body established</i>		
35	<i>under Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept, screen, investigate, and prosecute</i>		
36	<i>complaints of judicial misconduct. As part of its authority, it may recommend to the Supreme Court</i>		
37	<i>the censure, suspension, removal from office, or involuntary retirement of any judge for ethical</i>		
38	<i>misconduct.</i>		
39	C. Court Reporters; Statistical		
40	Reporting Systems	\$ 355,504	\$ 375,767
41	D. Dues to National Center for		
42	State Courts	\$ 164,749	\$ 169,950
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44	Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary		
45	Board, as per Louisiana Supreme		
	Court Rule XIX	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
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47	Compensation and expenses of retired		
48	judges assigned under Article V,		
49	Section 5(A) of the Constitution of		
50	Louisiana, be it more or less		
	estimated at	\$ 1,166,951	\$ 1,295,129
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52	Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,		
53	services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,		
	and equipment	\$ 1,728,322	\$ 1,847,306

1       **Program Description:** *The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal information needs of the state*  
 2       *judiciary, and is open to members of the bar and public.*

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             \$       86,663     \$     86,663

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                                     \$       916,846     \$     935,183

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                 \$     1,469,984     \$  1,469,984

15      10     Judicial College                                     \$       33,072     \$     49,579

16      **Program Description:** *The Judicial College was established by order of the Supreme Court in 1976*  
 17      *to provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.*

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                             \$   18,155,129     \$ 19,296,743

23      12     Civil commitment matters as  
 24             required by R.S. 28:54                     \$       231,546     \$     280,350

25      13     Paul M. Hebert Law Center for  
 26             expenses of storage of appellate  
 27             court records                                 \$       60,000     \$     60,000

28      14     Funding for statewide operations of the  
 29             Louisiana Protective Order Registry  
 30             (R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case  
 31             Management Information System         \$     1,048,254     \$  1,292,795

32      15     Information Technology                             \$     1,107,733     \$  1,246,008

33      16     Payable out of State General  
 34             Funds for Operational expenses of  
 35             the Families in Need of Services  
 36             Program (FINS)                             \$     1,995,709     \$  2,256,389

37      **Program Description:** *The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist local FINS processes*  
 38      *by developing and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; developing, implementing, and*  
 39      *mandating the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal*  
 40      *cases; developing and mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and*  
 41      *reporting performance indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic fiscal reports and*  
 42      *financial accountability; and, generally supervising and assisting local FINS processes in other ways.*

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 44      17     Louisiana Drug and Specialty Courts             \$     9,755,000     \$ 10,054,396

45      **Program Description:** *Louisiana Drug and Specialty Courts, such as Drug/DWI Treatment Courts,*  
 46      *authorized in 1977 by R.S. 13:5301-5304, Reentry Courts, authorized in 2010 by R.S. 13:5401, Mental*  
 47      *Health Courts, authorized in 2013 by R.S. 13:5353 - 5358, and Veterans Treatment Courts, authorized*  
 48      *in 2014 by R.S. 13:5361 - 5368, are proven and effective alternatives to traditional criminal justice*  
 49      *interventions. These programs provide integrated treatment for substance use and mental health*  
 50      *disorders, including the appropriate use of sanctions and incentives along with case management, to*  
 51      *place participants in need of services into appropriate community-based and judicially supervised*  
 52      *rehabilitation programs. Clients are regularly tested and monitored for compliance with educational,*

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		<i>employment, and treatment requirements pursuant to current best practices and the proven national model.</i>		
3	18	Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 1,794,035	\$ 2,552,873
4		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to promote timely placement of children in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance with the provisions of Children's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through local CASA programs which recruit, screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appointment by the trial judge, qualified advocates serve children by providing independent factual information to the judge, advocating for the best interest of the children, monitoring cases to which they have been assigned, and advising and assisting the judge in the determination of the best interest of the children involved.</i>		
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11		TOTAL - GENERAL FUND (DIRECT)	\$ 52,839,179	\$ 59,639,205
12	19	Payable out of the State General Fund from Statutory Dedications, Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, R.S. 13:10.3, be it more or less estimated at	\$ 6,223,724	\$ 6,223,724
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17		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund was established by the Legislature in 1985 to fund salary supplements and salary-related expenses to judges and commissioners. The funding source is a non-refundable filing fee assessed on civil filings as provided in R.S. 13:10.3.</i>		
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21	20	Payable out of the State General Fund from Statutory Dedications, Trial Court Case Management Information Fund, for the Case Management Information System, Article 887(F) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, be it more or less estimated at	\$ 4,017,201	\$ 4,017,201
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29		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Case Management Information System (CMIS) was created by the Supreme Court in 1993 to provide a statewide information system for tracking and managing criminal, civil, juvenile, traffic, and appellate cases as well as protective orders. Data is received from courts statewide, transferred to the CMIS repository, and made available to courts and executive branch agencies. Additional information will also be available from the Department of Public Safety &amp; Corrections. CMIS is funded from a court cost assessed on all criminal and traffic convictions as provided under C.Cr.P. 887(F).</i>		
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36		TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND BY STATUTORY DEDICATIONS	\$ 10,240,925	\$ 10,240,925
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38	21	Drug court maintenance and enhancement, payable out of the State General Fund through Interagency Transfers from the Department of Children and Family Services	\$ 5,400,000	\$ 5,400,000
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43	22	Court Appointed Special Advocates, payable out of the State General Fund through Interagency Transfers from the Department of Children and Family Services	\$ 3,992,850	\$ 3,992,850
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48		TOTAL- STATE GENERAL FUND THROUGH INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS	\$ 9,392,850	\$ 9,392,850
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51		TOTAL SUPREME COURT	\$ 72,472,954	\$ 79,272,980

1 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

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

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

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

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

15 **General Performance Information:**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
16			
17	<i>Total appeals filed</i>	<i>1,783</i>	<i>1,897</i>
18	<i>Total writs filed</i>	<i>3,670</i>	<i>3,420</i>
19	<i>Total dispositions rendered</i>	<i>4,761</i>	<i>4,439</i>

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

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

22 **General Performance Information:**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
23			
24	<i>Average number of days from lodging of the</i>		
25	<i>appeal to argument:</i>		
26	<i>Time Standard = no more than 175 days.</i>		
27	<i>Criminal cases</i>	<i>162</i>	<i>147</i>
28	<i>Civil Cases</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>162</i>
29	<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>159</i>

30 *Average number of days from argument to*  
 31 *rendering of the opinion:*

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

33	<i>Criminal cases</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>44</i>
34	<i>Civil cases</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>44</i>
35	<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>44</i>

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

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

38 **General Performance Information:**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
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40	<i>Percentage of written opinions available</i>		
41	<i>to the public within 5 days of decision</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
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43 Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):

		<b><u>FY 19 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20</u></b>
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45	01		
46	Salaries of five (5) Chief Judges		
47	and forty-eight (48) Judges of		
	the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 7,913,159	\$ 7,913,159
48	02		
49	Salaries and expenses of operation		
50	and maintenance of the Court of		
	Appeal, First Circuit	\$ 10,286,973	\$ 11,081,160
51	03		
52	Salaries and expenses of operation		
53	and maintenance of the Court of		
	Appeal, Second Circuit	\$ 5,807,610	\$ 6,158,296
54	04		
55	Salaries and expenses of operation		
56	and maintenance of the Court of		
	Appeal, Third Circuit	\$ 8,839,437	\$ 9,237,081

1	05	Salaries and expenses of operation		
2		and maintenance of the Court of		
3		Appeal, Fourth Circuit	\$ 8,221,408	\$ 8,812,936
4	06	Salaries and expenses of operation		
5		and maintenance of the Court of		
6		Appeal, Fifth Circuit	\$ 6,019,956	\$ 6,385,178
7	TOTAL COURTS OF APPEAL		\$ 47,088,543	\$ 49,587,810

8 **03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS**

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

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

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

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

31 **General Performance Information:**

32		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
33	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
34	<i>judges indicating actions taken in</i>			
35	<i>FY 2017-2018 to improve compliance</i>			
36	<i>with the Americans with Disabilities Act</i>			
37	<i>(ADA)</i>	81.3%	83.3%	87.5%

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

41 **General Performance Information:**

42		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
43	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
44	<i>judges indicating actions taken in</i>			
45	<i>FY 2017-2018 to assist self-represented</i>			
46	<i>litigants</i>	85.4%	85.4%	91.7%

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

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

50 **General Performance Information:**

51		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
52	<i>Number of parishes reporting criminal</i>			
53	<i>disposition data to CMIS</i>	64	64	64

1	<i>Percentage of parishes reporting criminal</i>			
2	<i>disposition data to CMIS</i>	100%	100%	100%
3		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
4	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
5	<i>judges indicating that their courts had</i>			
6	<i>taken steps within FY 2017-2018 to reduce</i>			
7	<i>delays and improve the timeliness</i>			
8	<i>of case processing</i>	87.5%	93.8%	87.5%
9	<b>Objective:</b> To enhance jury service.			
10	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
11		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
12	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
13	<i>judges indicating that their court had</i>			
14	<i>taken steps within FY 2017-2018 to</i>			
15	<i>make jury service more convenient or</i>			
16	<i>effective</i>	90.7%	92.9%	88.4%
17	<b>Goal:</b> To provide due process and equal protection of the law to all who have business before the			
18	court; and to demonstrate integrity in all procedures and decisions.			
19	<b>Objective:</b> To recognize new conditions or emerging events and to adjust court operations as			
20	necessary.			
21	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
22		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
23	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
24	<i>judges indicating actions taken in</i>			
25	<i>FY 2017-2018 to improve employee</i>			
26	<i>training and development</i>	85.4%	87.5%	85.4%
27	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
28	<i>judges indicating actions taken in</i>			
29	<i>FY 2017-2018 to install or implement</i>			
30	<i>technologies</i>	91.7%	95.8%	95.8%
31	<b>Goal:</b> To maintain judicial independence, while observing the principle of comity in its governmental			
32	relations and accountability to the public.			
33	<b>Objective:</b> To inform the community of the court's structure and function.			
34	<b>General Performance Information:</b>			
35		<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
36	<i>Percentage of surveyed district court chief</i>			
37	<i>judges indicating that their courts</i>			
38	<i>regularly provided public education</i>			
39	<i>and public outreach services in</i>			
40	<i>FY 2017-2018</i>	87.5%	91.7%	89.6%
41	Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):			
42			<b><u>FY 19 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20</u></b>
43	01 Salaries of one hundred ninety-one			
44	(191) District Judges as provided			
45	by R.S. 13:691	\$	27,187,585	\$ 27,187,585
46	02 Office and travel expenses of District			
47	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698			
48	and R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$	1,285,250	\$ 1,285,250
49	03 Salaries of fourteen (14) Judges of			
50	Civil District Court, Orleans Parish,			
51	as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	1,992,807	\$ 1,992,807
52	04 Expenses of Judges of Civil District			
53	Court, Parish of Orleans, for salaries			
54	of stenographers, clerks, law books,			
55	stationery, telephone, and like			
56	expenses as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$	80,500	\$ 80,500



1	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters			
2		of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,			
3		including retirement contributions, as			
4		provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$	114,514	\$ 117,507
5	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans			
6		Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$	10,000	\$ 10,000
7	07	State share of Group, Workers'			
8		Compensation, General Liability, and			
9		Property Insurance Premiums as			
10		provided by R.S. 42:851	\$	6,834,271	\$ 6,950,507
11	08	Salaries of two (2) commissioners of			
12		the Nineteenth Judicial District and			
13		one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth			
14		Judicial District as provided by			
15		R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,			
16		respectively	\$	569,959	\$ 580,720
17	09	Office expenses for the Judicial			
18		Expense Fund of the Nineteenth Judicial			
19		District Court as provided by			
20		R.S. 13:711-713	\$	400,707	\$ 405,383
21	10	Office expenses for the Judicial			
22		Expense Fund of the Fifteenth			
23		Judicial District Court as provided			
24		by R.S. 13:714-716	\$	286,234	\$ 290,891
25	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District			
26		Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$	49,311	\$ 49,311
27	12	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense			
28		Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as			
29		provided by Act 57 of 2006	\$	35,000	\$ 35,000
30		SUBTOTAL	\$	<u>38,846,138</u>	\$ <u>38,985,461</u>
31	13	Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans			
32		<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has exclusive</i>			
33		<i>jurisdiction of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and offenses committed within</i>			
34		<i>the parish of Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law in some other court. The court, through</i>			
35		<i>its magistrate and with assistance from its commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates</i>			
36		<i>in all felony charges and the power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or</i>			
37		<i>discharge, or to hold for trial, in all cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction of</i>			
38		<i>all cases tried before the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans and has general supervisory</i>			
39		<i>jurisdiction over these courts.</i>			
40	A.	Salaries of thirteen (13) District			
41		Judges of Criminal Court, Orleans			
42		Parish as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	1,850,465	\$ 1,850,465
43	B.	Office expenses of Judges of			
44		Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as			
45		Provided by R.S. 13:698	\$	74,750	\$ 74,750
46	C.	State's share of group insurance			
47		for personnel of Criminal Court			
48		as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$	733,422	\$ 733,422

1	D. Salaries of thirteen (13) minute			
2	clerks as provided by R.S.			
3	13:1373.1	\$	288,064	\$ 293,811
4	E. Salaries of twenty-six (26) court			
5	reporters as provided by R.S.			
6	13:1373.1	\$	449,821	\$ 456,097
7	F. Salaries of four (4) commissioners			
8	of Criminal Court, Orleans Parish,			
9	including related benefits as			
10	provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	503,587	\$ 512,929
11	G. Office and travel expenses of			
12	commissioners as provided by			
13	R.S. 13:1347	\$	7,950	\$ 10,600
14	H. Salaries of four (4) minute clerks,			
15	one for each commissioner			
16	as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	75,372	\$ 76,845
17	I. Salaries of four (4) court reporters,			
18	one for each commissioner			
19	as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$	57,312	\$ 58,422
20	J. Salaries of Judicial Administrator,			
21	and assistants, including			
22	related benefits	\$	910,443	\$ 996,431
23	K. Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$	695,417	\$ 771,026
24	L. Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$	204,258	\$ 223,442
25	M. Sanity Commissions	\$	87,744	\$ 90,008
26	N. Board of Jury Commissioners	\$	<u>391,859</u>	\$ <u>422,539</u>
27	SUBTOTAL	\$	<u>6,330,464</u>	\$ <u>6,570,787</u>
28	14 Juvenile and Family Court Judges			
29	A. Salaries of thirteen (13) Juvenile			
30	Court Judges as provided by			
31	R.S. 13:691	\$	1,850,465	\$ 1,850,465
32	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court			
33	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$	569,374	\$ 569,374
34	C. Office and travel expenses of Juvenile			
35	and Family Court Judges as			
36	provided by R.S. 13:698 and			
37	R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$	<u>103,500</u>	\$ <u>103,500</u>
38	SUBTOTAL	\$	<u>2,523,339</u>	\$ <u>2,523,339</u>
39	TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS	\$	<u>47,699,941</u>	\$ <u>48,079,587</u>

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

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

**Mission Statement:** *The mission of the city and parish 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 all responsible public bodies and public officers to make the costs of access to the 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:**

	2016	2017	2018
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2017-2018 to assist pro se litigants</i>	96.2%	98.1%	94.1%

**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:**

	2016	2017	2018
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating that their courts had taken steps within FY 2017-2018 to reduce delays and improve the timeliness of case processing</i>	92.3%	90.4%	82.4%

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

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

**General Performance Information:**

	2016	2017	2018
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating that their courts regularly provided public education and public outreach services in FY 2017-2018</i>	88.5%	88.5%	78.4%

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

**General Performance Information:**

	2016	2017	2018
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2017-2018 to improve employee training and development</i>	96.2%	92.3%	78.4%
<i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating actions taken in FY 2017-2018 to install or implement technologies</i>	90.4%	90.4%	78.4%

1	Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):		
2		<b><u>FY 19 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20</u></b>
3	01 Salaries of sixty (60) City Court		
4	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875	\$ 2,757,559	\$2,757,559
5	02 Salaries of seven (7) Municipal and		
6	Traffic and one (1) Parish Court		
7	Judge as provided by R.S. 13:2492		
8	and 2563.5, respectively	\$ 399,682	\$ 399,682
9	TOTAL OTHER COURTS REQUIRED		
10	BY STATUTE	<u>\$ 3,157,241</u>	<u>\$3,157,241</u>
11	<b>03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT</b>		
12	<b>REQUIRED BY STATUTE</b>		
13	Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):		
14		<b><u>FY 19 EOB</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20</u></b>
15	01 Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective		
16	Care Monitoring Program	\$ 536,132	\$95,770
17	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The program tracks and maintains child abuse and neglect cases in the</i>		
18	<i>Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support of the Families in Need of</i>		
19	<i>Services Program.</i>		
20	02 Orleans Parish Juvenile Court		
21	Reporters	\$ 77,178	\$ 79,985
22	03 For the expenses of the Judges'		
23	Assistance Program	<u>\$ 61,877</u>	<u>\$ 63,473</u>
24	<b>Program Description:</b> <i>The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance</i>		
25	<i>to judges with substance abuse problems.</i>		
26	TOTAL OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRED		
27	BY STATUTE	<u>\$ 675,187</u>	<u>\$ 739,228</u>

28 Section 2. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the  
 29 State General Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be reduced by a total  
 30 amount of Nine Million Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and  
 31 No/100 (\$9,742,980) Dollars, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary  
 32 Control Board or as approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

33 Section 3.A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or her duly authorized and  
 34 appointed agent, shall warrant the state treasurer for the allocations herein provided, or  
 35 for so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the  
 36 state general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all  
 37 other warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and  
 38 warrants for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant  
 39 provided by this Act.

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

4           C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously  
5           appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest  
6           earnings are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the  
7           judiciary; however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable  
8           to the State General Fund on or before September 1, 2020.

9           D. For Fiscal Year 2019-2020, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made  
10          in this Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal  
11          year in accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as  
12          approved by the Supreme Court.

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

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

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

1 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019; if vetoed by the  
 2 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective  
 3 on July 1, 2019, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is  
 4 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 2019-2020 is compared to the appropriations for FY 2018-2019 as contained in the original bill.

	Operating Budget	Appropriation Request
<u>Courts and Programs</u>	<u>FY 2018-2019</u>	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>
Supreme Court		
Total Supreme Court	\$ 62,232,029	\$ 69,032,055
Courts of Appeal		
Total Courts of Appeal	\$ 47,088,543	\$ 49,587,810
District Courts		
Total District Courts	\$ 47,699,941	\$ 48,079,587
Other Courts		
Total Other Courts	\$ 3,157,241	\$ 3,157,241
Other Programs		
Total Other Programs	\$ 675,187	\$ 739,228
Non-Judicial State Expenses		
Total State Expenses	<u>\$ 2,070,853</u>	<u>\$ 2,070,853</u>

Total State General Fund  
and Interagency Transfer

All Line Items	<u>\$162,923,794</u>	<u>\$ 172,666,774</u>
Total Statutory Dedications	<u>\$ 10,240,925</u>	<u>\$ 10,240,925</u>
Total Funding	<u>\$173,164,719</u>	<u>\$ 182,907,699</u>

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_