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HOUSE BILL NO. 801

BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN, ARNOLD, EDWARDS, ROBERT JOHNSON,
KLECKLEY, AND LEGER AND SENATORS GALLOT, LAFLEUR, MURRAY,
AND PETERSON

APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary for
Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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 Eighty-Two Million Six Hundred Sixty-Four
7 Thousand Six and No/100 (\$182,664,006.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the judiciary, including the
9 Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, the District Courts, the Criminal District Court of Orleans
10 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.*

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

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

3 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014	
4				
5	Total Filings	2,769	3,017	2,716
6	Total Appeals Filed	10	18	12
7	Total Writs Filed	2,639	2,790	2,496
8	Total Dispositions Rendered	3,181	2,500	2,592

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

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

11 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014	
12				
13	Percentage of noncriminal case			
14	applications acted on within Supreme			
15	Court standard of 120 days of filing	93.3%	94.3%	91.8%
16	Percentage of criminal case applications			
17	acted on within Supreme Court			
18	standard of 120 days of filing	45.9%	37%	30.7%
19	Percentage of pro se post conviction			
20	applications acted on within Supreme			
21	Court standard of 120 days of filing	8.5%	4.8%	2.1%
22	Percentage of bar disciplinary filings			
23	acted upon within Supreme Court			
24	standard of 120 days of filing	88.9%	95.2%	95.2%
25	Percentage of opinions rendered within			
26	Supreme Court standard of 84 days			
27	from argument	80.6%	83.2%	81.5%

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

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

30 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014	
31				
32	Percentage of written opinions available			
33	to the public within 5 days of decision	100%	100%	100%

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

35 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014	
36				
37	Number of outreach programs	58	78	58
38	Number of media releases on court decisions	77	73	64
39	Number of media releases on other matters	15	24	25
40	Number of recipients of releases on			
41	court decisions	1,663	1,760	1,485
42	Number of recipients of releases on other			
43	matters	3,672	4,694	3,633

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

46 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014	
47				
48	Average number of hours acquired			
49	through continuing legal education			
50	per judge	29.35	36.36	33.59
51	Number of complaints filed against			
52	judges and justices of the peace	537	496	495
53	Number of complaints against judges			
54	and justices of the peace resolved or			
55	disposed of in the calendar year	619	526	477

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

58 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014	
59				
60	Average number of hours acquired through			
61	continuing legal education per lawyer	15.24	15.46	14.92
62	Number of complaints filed against lawyers	3,042	3,038	3,040
63				
64	Number of complaints filed against lawyers			
65	resolved or disposed of in calendar year	2,966	3,319	3,140

1	Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct):		
2	01	Salaries of one (1) Chief Justice and six (6)	
3		Associate Justices of the Supreme Court,	
4		as provided by R.S. 13:102	\$ 1,076,359
5	02	Salaries and other expenses of the	
6		Supreme Court Proper and salary of	
7		the Crier of the Supreme Court	\$ 9,831,884
8	03	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's	
9		Office and of the Judiciary Commission	
10		provided for in Article V, Section	
11		25 of the Constitution of Louisiana and	
12		under the provisions of R.S. 13:32 et seq.	
13	A.	Expenses of Judicial Administrator's Office	\$ 5,005,973
14		Program Description: <i>The Judicial Administrator's Office assists the Supreme Court in the</i>	
15		<i>administration of the state court system. It staffs the Judicial Council and the Judiciary Commission of</i>	
16		<i>Louisiana. Through the Judicial Council, it performs studies and makes recommendations for the creation</i>	
17		<i>of new judgeships and for improving the administration of justice. The Judicial Administrator's Office</i>	
18		<i>provides payroll and other fiscal services to the Judiciary, including the administration of a judicial</i>	
19		<i>retirement system; support for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court human resource system;</i>	
20		<i>technological services to courts; and, manages the Trial Court Case Management Information System.</i>	
21		<i>The Judicial Administrator's Office also manages the ad hoc judgeship system, monitors cases under</i>	
22		<i>advisement, provides outreach services to state and local courts, staffs the Committee on Judicial Ethics,</i>	
23		<i>and performs numerous legal services for the Supreme Court and the Judiciary.</i>	
24	B.	Expenses of Judiciary Commission	\$ 2,043,285
25		Program Description: <i>The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana is a constitutional body established under</i>	
26		<i>Article V, Section 25 of the Constitution of 1974 to accept, screen, investigate, and prosecute complaints</i>	
27		<i>of judicial misconduct. As part of its authority, it may recommend to the Supreme Court the censure,</i>	
28		<i>suspension, removal from office, or involuntary retirement of any judge for ethical misconduct.</i>	
29	C.	Court Reporters; Statistical Reporting Systems	\$ 408,761
30	D.	Dues to National Center for State Courts	\$ 153,691
31			
32	04	Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board,	
33		as per Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX	\$ 3,000
34	05	Compensation and expenses of retired	
35		judges assigned under Article V,	
36		Section 5(A) of the Constitution of	
37		Louisiana, be it more or less estimated at	\$ 1,563,079
38	06	Law Library of Louisiana for salaries,	
39		services, supplies, maintenance, repairs,	
40		and equipment	\$ 2,014,594
41		Program Description: <i>The Law Library of Louisiana serves the legal information needs of the state</i>	
42		<i>judiciary, and is open to members of the bar and public.</i>	
43	07	Salaries and expenses of transferred	
44		judges assigned under Article V,	
45		Section 5(A) of the Constitution,	
46		be it more or less estimated as	\$ 180,323
47	08	Retirement pay for services rendered by	
48		justices and judges of all courts, as	
49		provided by R.S. 11:1358 and	
50		R.S. 13:103	\$ 1,365,669

1	09	Pensions for widows of justices and	
2		judges of all courts, as provided by	
3		R.S. 11:1371 and R.S. 11:1381, be it	
4		more or less estimated at	\$ 1,469,984
5	10	Judicial College	\$ 276,606
6		Program Description: <i>The Judicial College was established by order of the Supreme Court in 1976 to</i>	
7		<i>provide continuing legal education to Louisiana judges.</i>	
8	11	State contribution to judicial	
9		retirement provided for in Article V,	
10		Section 23 of the Constitution and	
11		R.S. 11:551 et seq., be it more or	
12		less estimated at	\$ 18,155,129
13	12	Civil commitment matters as	
14		required by R.S. 28:54	\$ 143,424
15	13	Paul M. Hebert Law Center for the expenses	
16		of storage of appellate court records	\$ 60,000
17	14	Funding for statewide operations of the	
18		Louisiana Protective Order Registry	
19		(R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case	
20		Management Information System	\$ 1,411,326
21			
22	15	Information Technology	\$ 1,109,897
23	16	Payable out of the State General Fund for the	
24		expenses associated with the operation of the	
25		Families in Need of Services Program (FINS)	\$ 2,748,287
26		Program Description: <i>The mission of the FINS Assistance Program is to assist local FINS processes by</i>	
27		<i>developing and implementing a needs-based allocation formula; developing, implementing, and mandating</i>	
28		<i>the use of a uniform data system for tracking, managing, and reporting FINS informal cases; developing</i>	
29		<i>and mandating the use of programmatic standards; developing, implementing, and reporting performance</i>	
30		<i>indicators and measures; requiring and monitoring periodic fiscal reports and financial accountability;</i>	
31		<i>and, generally supervising and assisting local FINS processes in other ways.</i>	
32	17	Drug court maintenance and enhancement	\$ 12,050,465
33		Program Description: <i>Drug treatment courts, authorized in 1997 by R.S. 13:5301 through R.S. 13:5304,</i>	
34		<i>provided integrated substance abuse treatment, sanctions, and incentives with case processing to place</i>	
35		<i>low-level, nonviolent drug-involved defendants in community-based, judicially supervised rehabilitation</i>	
36		<i>programs. Clients are regularly tested and monitored for compliance with educational, employment, and</i>	
37		<i>treatment requirements set by the court.</i>	
38	18	Court Appointed Special Advocates	<u>\$ 3,035,816</u>
39		Program Description: <i>The purpose of the CASA Assistance Program is to promote timely placement of</i>	
40		<i>children in need of care in permanent, safe and stable homes, in accordance with the provisions of</i>	
41		<i>Children's Code articles 424-426. Services are provided through local CASA programs which recruit,</i>	
42		<i>screen, train and supervise community advocates. Upon appointment by the trial judge, qualified</i>	
43		<i>advocates serve children by providing independent factual information to the judge, advocating for the best</i>	
44		<i>interest of the children, monitoring cases to which they have been assigned, and advising and assisting the</i>	
45		<i>judge in the determination of the best interest of the children involved.</i>	
46	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND		<u>\$ 64,107,552</u>
47	19	Payable out of the State General Fund	
48		from Statutory Dedications, Judges'	
49		Supplemental Compensation Fund,	
50		R. S. 13:10.3, be it more or less	
51		estimated at	\$ 6,223,724

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

4 20 Payable out of the State General Fund
5 from Statutory Dedications, Trial Court
6 Case Management Information Fund, for
7 the Case Management Information System,
8 Article 887 (F) of the Code of Criminal
9 Procedure, be it more or less estimated at \$ 4,147,710

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

17 TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND
18 BY STATUTORY DEDICATIONS \$ 10,371,434

19 21 Drug court maintenance and enhancement, payable
20 out of the State General Fund through Interagency
21 Transfers from the Department of Children and
22 Family Services \$ 5,400,000

23 22 Court Appointed Special Advocates, payable out of
24 the State General Fund through Interagency Transfers
25 from the Department of Children and Family
26 Services \$ 3,992,850

27 TOTAL - STATE GENERAL FUND
28 THROUGH INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS \$ 9,392,850

29 TOTAL SUPREME COURT \$ 83,871,836

30 **03-8171 COURTS OF APPEAL**

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

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

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

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

45 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
46 <i>Total appeals filed</i>	2,689	2,382	2,050
47 <i>Total writs filed</i>	4,499	4,973	4,325
48 <i>Total dispositions rendered</i>	6,240	6,432	5,741

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

1 **Objective:** To resolve cases expeditiously.
 2 **General Performance Information:**
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	2012	2013	2014
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 4 *Average number of days from lodging of the*
 5 *appeal to argument:*
 6 *Time Standard = no more than 175 days.*
 7 *Criminal cases*

	189	179	151
<i>Civil Cases</i>	161	160	149
<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	172	165	149

 10 *Average number of days from argument to*
 11 *rendering of the opinion:*
 12 *Time Standard = no more than 70 days.*
 13 *Criminal cases*

	37	38	38
<i>Civil cases</i>	41	44	44
<i>Median number of days for all cases</i>	38	42	43

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

17 **Objective:** To facilitate public access to the decisions of the courts of appeal.
 18 **General Performance Information:**
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	2012	2013	2014
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 20 *Percentage of written opinions available*
 21 *to the public within 5 days of decision*

	100%	100%	100%
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22 Payable out of the State General Fund:

23	01	Salaries of five (5) Chief Judges and forty-eight (48) Judges of the Courts of Appeal, R.S. 13:311	\$ 7,567,661
26	02	Salaries and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit	\$ 10,255,060
29	03	Salaries and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Court of Appeal, Second Circuit	\$ 5,761,986
32	04	Salaries and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Court of Appeal, Third Circuit	\$ 8,796,311
35	05	Salaries and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit	\$ 8,153,650
38	06	Salaries and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit	<u>\$ 6,042,968</u>
41	TOTAL COURTS OF APPEAL		<u>\$ 46,577,636</u>

42 **03-8172 DISTRICT COURTS**

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

1 jurisdiction of many domestic cases in the parish. The four juvenile courts located in
2 Caddo, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans parishes have exclusive jurisdiction
3 of juvenile cases in their respective parishes.

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

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

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

12 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
13 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating			
14 actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to improve compliance with			
15 the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	89.6%	89.6%	97.9%

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

20 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
21 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating			
22 actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to assist self-represented			
23 litigants	95.8%	95.8%	97.9%

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

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

27 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
28 Number of parishes reporting criminal disposition			
29 data to CMIS	63	63	64
30 Percentage of parishes reporting criminal disposition			
31 data to CMIS	98%	99%	100%
32 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges			
33 indicating that their courts had taken steps within			
34 FY 2013-2014 to reduce delays and improve the			
35 timeliness of case processing	91.7%	91.7%	91.7%

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

37 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
38 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating			
39 that their court had taken steps within FY 2013-2014			
40 to make jury service more convenient or effective	93%	97.7%	93%

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

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

45 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
46 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating			
47 actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to improve employee			
48 training and development	89.6%	89.6%	95.8%
49 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating			
50 actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to install or implement			
51 technologies	91.7%	91.7%	95.8%

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

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

55 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
56 Percentage of surveyed district court chief judges indicating			
57 that their courts regularly provided public education			
58 and public outreach services in FY 2013-2014	89.6%	93.8%	89.6%

1	Payable out of the State General Fund:		
2	01	Salaries of one hundred ninety-one	
3		(191) District Judges as provided	
4		by R.S. 13:691	\$ 25,996,619
5	02	Office and travel expenses of District	
6		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698 and	
7		R.S. 13:694, respectively	\$ 1,285,250
8	03	Salaries of fourteen (14) Judges of	
9		Civil District Court, Orleans Parish,	
10		as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,905,512
11	04	Expenses of Judges of Civil District	
12		Court, Parish of Orleans, for salaries	
13		of stenographers, clerks, law books,	
14		stationery, telephone, and like expenses	
15		as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$ 80,500
16	05	Salaries of two (2) Court Reporters	
17		of the Twentieth Judicial District Court,	
18		including retirement contributions, as	
19		provided by R.S. 13:966.1	\$ 114,514
20	06	Clerk of Civil District Court, Orleans	
21		Parish, as provided by R.S. 13:1212(A)	\$ 10,000
22	07	State share of Group, Workers'	
23		Compensation, General Liability,	
24		and Property Insurance Premiums	
25		as provided by R.S.42:851	\$ 6,662,537
26	08	Salaries of two (2) commissioners of	
27		the Nineteenth Judicial District and	
28		one (1) commissioner of the Fifteenth	
29		Judicial District as provided by	
30		R.S. 13:712 and R.S. 13:715,	
31		respectively	\$ 538,826
32	09	Office expenses for the Judicial	
33		Expense Fund of the Nineteenth Judicial	
34		District Court as provided by	
35		R.S. 13:711-713	\$ 476,445
36	10	Office expenses for the Judicial	
37		Expense Fund of the Fifteenth	
38		Judicial District Court as provided	
39		by R.S. 13:714-716	\$ 296,626
40	11	Law Clerk, Twentieth Judicial District	
41		Court as provided by Act 747 of 1977	\$ 49,311
42	12	For the expenses of the Judicial Expense	
43		Fund, Tenth Judicial District Court as	
44		provided by Act 57 of 2006	\$ 35,000
45	SUBTOTAL		<u>\$ 37,451,140</u>

1 13 Criminal Court - Parish of Orleans

2 **Program Description:** *The Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans has exclusive jurisdiction*
 3 *of the trial and punishment of all crimes, misdemeanors, and offenses committed within the parish of*
 4 *Orleans, if the jurisdiction is not vested by law in some other court. The court, through its magistrate and*
 5 *with assistance from its commissioners, has the power of committing magistrates in all felony charges and*
 6 *the power to hold preliminary examinations, with authority to bail or discharge, or to hold for trial, in all*
 7 *cases before the court. The court has appellate jurisdiction of all cases tried before the Municipal Court*
 8 *of New Orleans and the Traffic Court of New Orleans and has general supervisory jurisdiction over these*
 9 *courts.*

10	A. Salaries of thirteen (13) District Judges of	
11	Criminal Court, Orleans Parish as provided	
12	by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,769,404
13	B. Office expenses of Judges of Criminal Court,	
14	Orleans Parish as provided by R.S. 13:698	\$ 74,750
15	C. State's share of group insurance for the personnel	
16	of Criminal Court as provided by R.S. 42:851	\$ 710,698
17	D. Salaries of thirteen (13) minute clerks as provided	
18	by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 284,627
19	E. Salaries of twenty-six (26) court reporters as	
20	provided by R.S. 13:1373.1	\$ 449,821
21	F. Salaries of four (4) commissioners of Criminal	
22	Court, Orleans Parish, including related benefits	
23	as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 480,382
24	G. Office and travel expenses of commissioners as	
25	provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 10,600
26	H. Salaries of four (4) minute clerks, one for each	
27	commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 73,003
28	I. Salaries of four (4) court reporters, one for each	
29	commissioner as provided by R.S. 13:1347	\$ 55,034
30	J. Salaries of Judicial Administrator, and assistants,	
31	including related benefits	\$ 995,519
32	K. Salaries of thirteen (13) law clerks	\$ 730,138
33	L. Salaries of four (4) secretaries	\$ 211,593
34	M. Sanity Commissions	\$ 102,700
35	N. Board of Jury Commissioners	<u>\$ 426,303</u>
36	SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 6,374,572</u>

37 14 Juvenile and Family Court Judges

38	A. Salaries of fourteen (14) Juvenile Court	
39	Judges as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 1,905,512
40	B. Salaries of four (4) Family Court Judges	
41	as provided by R.S. 13:691	\$ 544,432

1 C. Office and travel expenses of Juvenile and Family
 2 Court Judges as provided by R.S. 13:698
 3 and R.S. 13:694, respectively \$ 103,500

4 SUBTOTAL \$ 2,553,444

5 TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS \$ 46,379,156

6 **03-8173 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES AS REQUIRED**
 7 **BY STATUTE**

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

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

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

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

20 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
21 <i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
22 <i>actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to assist pro</i>			
23 <i>se litigants</i>	96.2%	100%	100%

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

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

28 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
29 <i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges</i>			
30 <i>indicating that their courts had taken steps within</i>			
31 <i>FY 2013-2014 to reduce delays and improve the</i>			
32 <i>timeliness of case processing</i>	86.5%	84.3%	84.6%

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

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

37 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
38 <i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
39 <i>that their courts regularly provided public education and</i>			
40 <i>public outreach services in FY 2013-2014</i>	88.5%	92.2%	92.3%

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

44 **General Performance Information:**

	2012	2013	2014
45 <i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
46 <i>actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to improve</i>			
47 <i>employee training and development</i>	92.3%	96.1%	94.2%
48 <i>Percentage of surveyed city/parish court chief judges indicating</i>			
49 <i>actions taken in FY 2013-2014 to install or</i>			
50 <i>implement technologies</i>	86.5%	86.3%	92.3%

52 Payable out of the State General Fund:

53 01 Salaries of sixty (60) City Court
 54 Judges as provided by R.S. 13:1875 \$ 2,636,759

1	02	Salaries of four (4) Municipal, four (4)	
2		Traffic and one (1) Parish Court	
3		Judges as provided by R.S. 13:2492,	
4		13:2501.1, and 13:2563.5, respectively	\$ 425,293

5	TOTAL OTHER COURTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE		<u>\$ 3,062,052</u>
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6 **03-8174 OTHER COURTS - SALARIES AND OFFICE EXPENSES NOT**
 7 **REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

8 Payable out of the State General Fund:

9	01	Orleans Parish Juvenile Protective	
10		Care Monitoring Program	\$ 591,627

11 **Program Description:** *The program tracks and maintains child abuse and neglect cases in the Orleans*
 12 *Parish Juvenile Court. It also provides assistance in support of the Families in Need of Services Program.*

13	02	Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Reporters	\$ 88,312
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14	03	For the expenses of the Judges'	
15		Assistance Program	<u>\$ 63,548</u>

16 **Program Description:** *The Judges' Assistance Program provides counseling and other assistance to judges*
 17 *with substance abuse problems.*

18	TOTAL OTHER COURTS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE		<u>\$ 743,487</u>
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19 **03-8175 NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES**

20 Payable out of the State General Fund:

21	01	Legal representation of children in child protection cases	<u>\$ 2,029,839</u>
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22 **Program Description:** *As recommended by the Task Force on Legal representation*
 23 *in Child Protection Cases and at the request of the Division of Administration, in*
 24 *order to advance the administration of justice, the Supreme Court administers*
 25 *funding to provide qualified legal representation for children in child protection*
 26 *cases as required to fulfill the state's statutory responsibility.*

27	TOTAL NON-JUDICIAL STATE EXPENSES		<u>\$ 2,029,839</u>
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28 Section 2. The appropriations, and the allocations of such appropriations, from the State
 29 General Fund (Direct) contained in Section 1 of this Act shall be reduced by a total amount
 30 of Six Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen and No/100
 31 (\$6,560,814.00) Dollars, pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board
 32 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 for
 35 so much thereof as may be necessary. The aforesaid warrant shall be paid out of the state
 36 general fund, and the state treasurer shall pay said warrant by preference over all other
 37 warrants, except warrants for the salaries of constitutional officers of the state and warrants

1 for expenses of the legislature, which shall be concurrent with the warrant provided by this
2 Act.

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

5 C. Any funds herein allocated to the judiciary, any portion of the funds previously
6 appropriated to the judiciary, other revenue of the judiciary or its agencies, and interest
7 earnings are hereby appropriated and may be used to defray the expenses of the judiciary;
8 however, all funds remaining unexpended or unencumbered shall be returnable to the state
9 general fund on or before September 1, 2016.

10 D. For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, any surpluses occurring in the appropriations made in this
11 Act may be transferred from one agency or line-item to another during the fiscal year in
12 accordance with the rules of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, or as approved by the
13 Supreme Court.

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

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

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

1 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015; if vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015,
3 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 2014-2015 is compared to the appropriations for FY 2015-2016 as contained in the original bill.

	Operating Budget	Appropriation Request
<u>Courts and Programs</u>	<u>FY 2014-2015</u>	<u>FY 2015-2016</u>
Supreme Court		
Total Supreme Court	\$70,916,964	\$ 73,500,402
Courts of Appeal		
Total Courts of Appeal	\$44,238,406	\$ 46,577,636
District Courts		
Total District Courts	\$44,936,501	\$ 46,379,156
Other Courts		
Total Other Courts	\$2,993,515	\$ 3,062,052
Other Programs		
Total Other Programs	\$713,548	\$ 743,487
Non-Judicial State Expenses		
Total State Expenses	<u>\$1,976,474</u>	<u>\$ 2,029,839</u>
Total State General Fund and Interagency Transfer		
All Line Items	<u>\$165,775,408</u>	<u>\$172,292,572</u>
Total Statutory Dedications	<u>\$10,222,822</u>	<u>\$ 10,371,434</u>
Total Funding	<u>\$175,998,230</u>	<u>\$182,664,006</u>

