2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR BISHOP

HOUSING. Requests that the mayor and the City Council of the city of New Orleans study the rate of evictions in New Orleans including causes.

1   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the mayor and the city council of the city of New Orleans to study and

3   make recommendations for changes to statutory law that will help to reduce

4   excessive eviction rates of household renters in the city.

5   WHEREAS, according to the report by Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability

6 Initiative and Professor Davida Finger, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, one

7 out of every nineteen renter households in New Orleans faced a court-ordered eviction in

8 2017; and

9   WHEREAS, the overall household eviction rate in New Orleans is nearly double the

10 rate of evictions nationally, with some neighborhoods experiencing evictions close to four

11 times the national rate, and in 2017 the eviction rate in New Orleans was 5.2% while the

12 national average was only 2.8%; and

13   WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2018, it was estimated that over 24,000 individuals

14 were displaced due to a court-ordered eviction.

15   THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

16 urge and request the mayor and the city council of the city of New Orleans to study and

17 make recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2020, for changes of statutory law

18 that will help reduce excessive eviction rates.

1   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

2   mayor and city council of the city of New Orleans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Xavier I. Alexander.

DIGEST
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Requests the New Orleans mayor and city council to study and make recommendations to
the legislature by January 1, 2020, as to changes in statutory law to help reduce excessive
eviction rates.