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2025 Regular Session

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial accountability, and effectiveness of the state Supreme Court, courts of appeals, and district courts

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial
3	accountability, and effectiveness of the state supreme court, courts of appeal, and
4	district courts;
5	WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana holds the constitutional authority to
6	appropriate public funds and to audit the expenditure thereof by all branches of government;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 establishes the salary of judges
9	in the state; and
10	WHEREAS, the legislature authorized a one-time stipend for judges during the 2024
11	Regular Session; and
12	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, particularly R.S. 13:10.3,
13	establishes the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund which provides for salary
14	supplements to judges and commissioners, for related costs of state or municipal retirement
15	funds, and for necessary and associated administrative expenses; and
16	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court has adopted general administrative rules,
17	in conformity with the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, which provide for the
18	reimbursement of expenses associated with travel, transportation, lodging, meals and tips,
19	and registrations; and

1	WHEREAS, House Resolution 30 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature
2	created the Judicial Structure Task Force to study the caseload data and the number of judges
3	of each appellate court and district court in the state, to determine the changes necessary to
4	the existing structure of the judiciary, and to provide the most efficient use of judicial
5	resources; and
6	WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, the Supreme Court of Louisiana notified the
7	legislature that the court has undertaken a work point study of the judiciary and anticipates
8	a final report from the National Center for State Courts in November 2025; and
9	WHEREAS, part of the analysis of judicial efficiency and accountability that will not
10	be reflected in the work point study is how the judiciary uses taxpayer monies appropriated
11	to it and fees that it collects; and
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13	authorize and direct the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit the amount of
14	monies received by judges and justices from the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund
15	and any other monies expended from the fund or from any other judicial compensation-
16	related source, including self-generated revenues, fees collected by the judiciary, or
17	externally funded supplements.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19	authorize and direct the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit payment of the
20	stipend authorized by Act 775 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22	authorize and direct the legislative auditor to investigate, examine, and audit all expense
23	reimbursements received by judges and justices, including a review of internal approval
24	processes, documentation practices, and adherence to established reimbursement policies.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26	authorize and direct the legislative auditor to obtain a copy of the final report presented to
27	the Louisiana Supreme Court from the National Center for State Courts.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29	authorize and direct the legislative auditor to examine the judiciary's plan to implement any
30	recommendations from the National Center for State Courts.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor report its findings to the

- 2 legislature no later than February 6, 2026.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 4 Louisiana Supreme Court and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

DIGEST

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Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial accountability, and effectiveness of the state supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts. Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to audit the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, the stipend authorized in Act 775 of the 2024 R.S., and expense reimbursement received by judges. Directs the legislative auditor to obtain a copy of the report by the National Center for State Courts regarding the work point study of the judiciary and examine the judiciary's plan to implement any recommendations. Requires the legislative auditor to report its findings by Feb. 6, 2026.