

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

COURTS/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Directs the Louisiana Board of Ethics and the Louisiana
Legislative Auditor to provide reports on justices of the peace

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the board of ethics to report on the campaign finance reports filed
3 by justices of the peace and to authorize and direct the legislative auditor to report
4 on the audits of the justice of the peace courts in the state.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Ethics is charged with the duty of ensuring that
6 all elected officials maintain ethical standards in their conduct while serving the public; and

7 WHEREAS, all elected officials are required by R.S. 42:1114 to file annual financial
8 disclosure statements with the board of ethics; and

9 WHEREAS, justices of the peace are elected officials and are therefore required to
10 file an annual financial disclosure with the board of ethics; and

11 WHEREAS, the legislative auditor is charged with the duty of auditing the financial
12 records of certain offices and political subdivisions of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, justice of the peace courts are required by R.S. 24:513(J) to provide
14 annual financial reports to the legislative auditor; and

15 WHEREAS, it is important that the elected justices of the peace comply with the
16 requirement of filing their annual financial disclosure statements with the board of ethics,
17 and it is equally important that the justice of the peace courts file annual financial reports
18 with the legislative auditor.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the board of ethics to report on the
21 filings of all elected justices of the peace for the years 2020 through 2025 indicating those

1 elected officials who have and have not filed their annual financial disclosure statement as
2 required by R.S. 42:1114. The report shall be provided to the House Committee on Judiciary
3 no later than thirty days before the start of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
5 of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to report on the filings
6 of all justice of the peace courts for the years 2020 through 2025 indicating those courts that
7 have and have not filed an annual financial report as required by R.S. 24:513(J). The report
8 shall be provided to the House Committee on Judiciary no later than February 1, 2026.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of ethics and the legislative auditor
10 shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to the
11 Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 23:772.

DIGEST

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Directs the board of ethics and the legislative auditor to report to the House Committee on Judiciary no later than Feb. 1, 2026, on the financial disclosure filings of elected justices of the peace and financial statements of justice of the peace courts for the years 2020 through 2025.