

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

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JUDGES: Requests that the Louisiana Supreme Court develop rules that prohibit judges from attending campaign events for other elected officials

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request that the Louisiana Supreme Court develop rules prohibiting judges from
3 attending campaign events.

4 WHEREAS, the Code of Judicial Conduct governs the professional and ethical
5 behavior of judges in the state of Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court is charged with the duty of enforcing the
7 rules contained within the Code of Judicial Conduct; and

8 WHEREAS, Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct provides for the rules
9 regarding political and campaign activity of judges; and

10 WHEREAS, Canon 7 provides that a judge shall not publicly endorse or oppose
11 another candidate for public office; and

12 WHEREAS, Canon 7 further provides that a judge shall not engage in any other
13 partisan political activity except on behalf of measures to improve the law, the legal system,
14 or the administration of justice; and

15 WHEREAS, the appearance of a violation of rules of conduct are as damaging as the
16 actual violation of rules; and

WHEREAS, in the age of social media, a well-placed photograph of a political gathering can suggest an endorsement by a judge for a political contest and create the appearance of a violation of Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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

21 urge and request the Louisiana Supreme Court to develop rules prohibiting judges from

1 attending campaign events for candidates for public office to avoid the appearance of an
2 endorsement of candidates and a violation of Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 Louisiana Supreme Court.

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