

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to conduct data collection of the justice of the peace and city courts in the state, including their jurisdiction, the costs and savings for their operations, and the method of funding and their expenditures.

WHEREAS, justice of the peace courts are statutorily authorized by R.S. 13:2586 and have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in all civil matters; and

WHEREAS, there are three-hundred ninety justices of the peace in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, city courts are established by special legislative Act and also have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in all civil matters; and

WHEREAS, city courts are located in forty-eight cities in the state; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the costs and savings associated with the operation of both courts is essential for a discussion regarding the operations of these courts, the method of funding, and their expenditures; and

WHEREAS, a study by the Louisiana State Law Institute would be necessary to advise the legislature on potential legislation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to conduct data collection of the justice of the peace and city courts in the state of Louisiana, including their jurisdiction, the costs and savings for their operations, the method of funding and their expenditures, and to provide a report to the legislature no later than February 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to the Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES