

1 WHEREAS, in debating legislation relative to compensation for parish assessors and
2 for clerks of court, state legislators have frequently noted that the lack of transparency in
3 laws providing for this compensation frustrates efforts to have these local officials
4 compensated fairly; and

5 WHEREAS, legislators have increasingly expressed a desire to achieve parity in
6 levels of compensation afforded to assessors and clerks of court, respectively; however,
7 without a baseline for comparing these officials' current levels of overall compensation,
8 legislators are unable to effectively address this issue of parity.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct a
11 study of salaries and other compensation authorized by statute for parish assessors and clerks
12 of court and to develop recommendations for means by which to achieve parity between
13 those officials' remuneration and transparency in laws providing for that compensation.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study called for in this
15 Resolution, the legislative auditor shall engage and solicit views and opinions from the
16 Louisiana Assessors' Association, the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, and any other
17 individuals or groups as he deems necessary or appropriate.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall incorporate the
19 following as components of the study called for in this Resolution:

20 (1) Analysis and discussion of how the total annual salary of an assessor is derived
21 from the parish population-based compensation level plus additional compensation amounts
22 provided for in R.S. 47:1907.

23 (2) Analysis and discussion of how the total annual salary of a clerk of court is
24 derived from the parish population-based compensation level plus additional compensation
25 amounts provided for in R.S. 13:782.

26 (3) A determination of each assessor's annual compensation as a proportion of the
27 assessed value of all taxable property in his parish.

28 (4) Any performance or productivity metrics for clerks of court, as selected by the
29 legislative auditor, and each clerk of court's salary as a proportion of or in comparison to
30 those metrics.

1 (5) Recommendations for means by which to achieve parity between the
2 compensation authorized, respectively, for assessors and for clerks of court.

3 (6) Recommendations for means to ensure that future increases in compensation for
4 assessors and for clerks of court are implemented on a uniform timetable.

5 (7) Recommendations for means by which to increase transparency in laws
6 providing for the compensation of assessors and of clerks of court.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative auditor shall report the findings
8 of the study and recommendations called for in this Resolution to the elected members of
9 the House of Representatives and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no
10 later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 Louisiana Assessors' Association and the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.

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