

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriates funds for expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Appropriates funds for FY 2008-2009 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$146,357,762 from the following sources: \$131,330,951 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$6,936,000 through interagency transfers from the Department of Social Services; and \$8,087,811 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, Trial Court Case Management Fund, and the Patients' Compensation Fund.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided as follows:

(1) Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 64,720,808
(2) Courts of Appeal	40,329,998
(3) District Courts	30,750,018
(4) Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	5,315,673
(5) Juvenile and Family Courts	2,118,335
(6) Other Courts (Required by Statute)	2,521,581
(7) Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	601,349
TOTAL	<u>\$ 146,357,762</u>

Provides that the appropriations out of the State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act shall be reduced by a total amount of \$2,438,251 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.

Effective July 1, 2008.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

- 1. Adds requirement that appropriations contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$2,438,251 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill.

- 1. Allocates funding salary, benefits, and associated expenses for a new judgeship in the 24<sup>th</sup> JDC in Jefferson Parish from existing District Court funding contingent upon enactment of SB 429 of the 2008 R.S.