

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, the Trial Court Case Management Fund, and the Patients' Compensation Fund. From the total amount appropriated in this Act from the State General Fund (Direct), the sum of \$2,438,251 shall be reduced in accordance with a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.

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)	<u>601,349</u>
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.

Provides that of the monies appropriated to the district courts, sufficient funds shall be allocated to provide for the salary, benefits, and associated expenses for a new judgeship for the 24th Judicial District in Jefferson Parish in the event that SB 429 of the 2008 R.S. is enacted into law.

Effective July 1, 2008.