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2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the impact on reducing the delays in carrying out a capital punishment sentence.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations that would accelerate the state capital punishment appeal process.

WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine the feasibility of combining the direct and post-conviction appeals of a defendant who has been sentenced to capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has more than eighty inmates serving sentences for capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, many of those inmates have been awaiting decades for the conclusion of clemency review; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the importance of collecting and verifying objective statistical data on the cost of capital punishment in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, questions are frequently raised regarding the costs of the administration of a system of capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to discuss the timely processing of a capital punishment case in a systematic and effective manner through the conclusion of clemency review.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Law Institute to study and make recommendations that would accelerate the state

capital punishment appeal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit a written report of its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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