

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

JUDGES: Provides relative to the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:62(B), relative to the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court  
3 of Louisiana; to provide for the content of recommendations made by the council to  
4 the legislature; to provide for the deadlines relative thereto; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:62(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §62. Court costs and fees; submission to Judicial Council; recommendation

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10 B. No law to provide for a new court cost or fee or to increase an existing  
11 court cost or fee shall be enacted unless first submitted to the Judicial Council for  
12 review and recommendation to the legislature ~~as to whether the court cost or fee is~~  
13 ~~reasonably related to the operation of the courts or court system.~~ A copy of the  
14 proposal for a new or increased court cost or fee shall be submitted to the Judicial  
15 Council no later than ~~January~~ October fifteenth of the calendar year ~~in which~~ before  
16 the proposal is intended to be introduced in the legislature, and a copy shall be  
17 provided to the legislature, through the clerk of the House of Representatives and the  
18 secretary of the Senate, at the time it is submitted to the Judicial Council for review.  
19 The Judicial Council shall notify the legislature of its recommendation, through the

1 clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate, by March  
2 ~~fifteenth~~ first of ~~that same~~ each year.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Eliminates required content in recommendations by the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of La. (the council) relative to laws creating or increasing court costs or fees and provides earlier deadlines for submission of laws to the council for its review and for notification of the council's recommendations to the legislature.

Present law provides that laws providing for a new or increased court cost or fee shall only be enacted if they are first submitted to the council for review and recommendation to the legislature as to whether the court cost or fee is reasonably related to the operation of the courts or court system. Proposed law removes the requirement that the council's recommendation address whether the court cost or fee is reasonably related to the operation of the courts or court system.

Proposed law changes the deadline for submitting a copy of the proposal to the Judicial Council from Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year in which the proposal is to be introduced to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year before the proposal to be introduced. Proposed law changes the deadline for the council to notify the legislature of its recommendation from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

(Amends R.S. 13:62(B))