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2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

COURTS. Creates a joint legislative committee to study the advisability of creating a statewide business court.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a joint legislative committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability of creating a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable outcomes.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has experienced exponential growth in business and industry; and

WHEREAS, the legal issues arising in the daily activities of business and industry are often complex, requiring specialized legal knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana would benefit from the creation of a statewide business court with jurisdiction over matters which arise in business and industry; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of creating specialized courts and particularly a business court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates a joint legislative committee to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the advisability of creating a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative committee shall consist of

the following:

(1) The president of the Senate or his designee.

(2) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

(3) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

(4) The president of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or his designee.

(5) The president of Council for A Better Louisiana or his designee.

(6) The president of Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or his designee.

(7) The president of Greater New Orleans, Inc. or his designee.

(8) The chairman of the Senate Judiciary A Committee or his designee.

(9) The chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the joint legislative committee shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as a member of their respective constituent organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative committee may conduct such meetings at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint legislative committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with a suggestion for proposed legislation, if any, to the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2020.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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