

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR BISHOP AND REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the mayor and the city council of the city of New Orleans to study and make recommendations for changes to statutory law that will help to reduce excessive eviction rates of household renters in the city.

WHEREAS, according to the report by Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative and Professor Davida Finger, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, one out of every nineteen renter households in New Orleans faced a court-ordered eviction in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the overall household eviction rate in New Orleans is nearly double the rate of evictions nationally, with some neighborhoods experiencing evictions close to four times the national rate, and in 2017 the eviction rate in New Orleans was 5.2% while the national average was only 2.8%; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2018, it was estimated that over 24,000 individuals were displaced due to a court-ordered eviction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the mayor and the city council of the city of New Orleans to study and make recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2020, for changes of statutory law that will help reduce excessive eviction rates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of New Orleans.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES