2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

JUDGES: Requests the supreme court to provide information relative to the current structure of the judiciary

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the supreme court to provide information concerning the caseload data
3	and the number of judges of each appellate court and district court in Louisiana, the
4	determination of the changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary, the
5	most efficient use of judicial resources, and to report its findings and
6	recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature no later than February 1, 2023.
7	WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 143 of the 2011 Regular Session of
8	the Louisiana Legislature requested the supreme court to study the structure of the judiciary;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, the release of the detailed 2020 federal decennial census data on August
11	12, 2021, revealed serious population losses in some parts of the state and tremendous
12	population growth in other parts of the state; and
13	WHEREAS, as population shifts from some areas of this state to others, it would be
14	prudent to examine the caseload data from each court in the state of Louisiana to determine
15	if the judicial resources are being used in the most efficient manner possible; and
16	WHEREAS, population and demographic changes in the state of Louisiana provide
17	a reassessment opportunity to determine if reallocation of judicial resources may be needed;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the case filing data, case weights, court
20	structure and finance, and the use of support personnel in this study; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to study the territorial boundaries and the
jurisdictional limits of each court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the supreme court to provide information concerning the caseload data and the number of judges of each appellate court and district court in Louisiana, the determination of the changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary and the most efficient use of judicial resources, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature no later than February 1, 2023.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any

10 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter

11 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

13 supreme court.

DIGEST

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