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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 204

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority to compile information regarding integrated electronic filing and case management capabilities and to submit a report containing such information to the legislature no later than January 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority (LCRAA) has been tasked by the legislature as the entity responsible for designing, constructing, administering, and maintaining a statewide portal of records maintained by parish clerks of court; and

WHEREAS, since 2014, LCRAA has made significant progress in developing the statewide portal and providing assistance to parishes to implement electronic filing and case management systems; and

WHEREAS, to fully modernize Louisiana's judicial system, the state requires a statewide integrated electronic filing system that allows for electronic document filing, case management, and document and image management; and

WHEREAS, many surrounding states, including Georgia, Texas, Florida, and Alabama have implemented statewide integrated electronic filing systems; and

WHEREAS, integrated electronic filing provides litigants, courts, and the public with instant access to court documents allowing for greater transparency and efficiency in our judicial system; and

WHEREAS, integrated electronic filing improves access to court systems by providing litigants with twenty-four hour access and a secure and standard means by which to file and review pleadings; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the costs associated with statewide integrated electronic filing in Louisiana, in order to make decisions regarding future legislation and funding necessary for implementation, the legislature desires more information about the current status of all systems of the clerks of court across the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request LCRAA to compile the following information regarding integrated electronic filing and case management capabilities and to submit a report containing such information to the legislature no later than January 1, 2024:

(1) The status of implementation of an electronic filing system by each parish clerk of court.

(2) The status of implementation of an electronic case management system by each parish clerk of court.

(3) The status of implementation of a document and image management system by each parish clerk of court.

(4) The case management system or docket system software and software vendor used by each parish clerk of court.

(5) The number and percentage of remote electronic filings and physical filings of pleadings converted to electronic image by each parish clerk of court.

(6) The capability of the case management system or docket system of each parish clerk of court to accept electronic signatures by judges and the extent of the use of electronic signature systems by judges of each court.

(7) The costs charged by each clerk of court to persons for electronic filing of civil and criminal pleadings and the amounts charged to access, view, and download images of pleadings via an electronic case management system or docket system.

(8) The costs charged by each clerk of court for electronic recording of documents effecting land titles.

(9) The cost charged by each clerk of court to access, view, or obtain copies of electronic images or paper copies of electronic images of documents in the land title database.

(10) The amount of funding necessary to complete an integrated electronic filing system for each parish clerk of court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of LCRAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Clerks' Remote Access Authority shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES