HLS 25RS-504 ENGROSSED

2025 Regular Session

1

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149** 

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

COURTS/JUSTICE OF PEACE: Directs the La. State Law Institute to study the justice of peace courts in Louisiana

A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to conduct data collection of the 3 justice of the peace and city courts in the state, including their jurisdiction, the costs 4 and savings for their operations, and the method of funding and their expenditures. 5 WHEREAS, justice of the peace courts are statutorily authorized by R.S. 13:2586 6 and have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in all civil matters; and 7 WHEREAS, there are three-hundred ninety justices of the peace in Louisiana; and 8 WHEREAS, city courts are established by special legislative Act and also have 9 concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in all civil matters; and 10 WHEREAS, city courts are located in forty-eight cities in the state; and 11 WHEREAS, information regarding the costs and savings associated with the 12 operation of both courts is essential for a discussion regarding the operations of these courts, 13 the method of funding, and their expenditures; and 14 WHEREAS, a study by the Louisiana State Law Institute would be necessary to 15 advise the legislature on potential legislation. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute 18 to conduct data collection of the justice of the peace and city courts in the state of Louisiana, 19 including their jurisdiction, the costs and savings for their operations, the method of funding 20 and their expenditures, and to provide a report to the legislature no later than February 1, 21 2026.

HLS 25RS-504
ENGROSSED
HR NO. 149

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit

- 2 one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to the Resolution
- 3 to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

## **DIGEST**

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 149 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

McMakin

Directs the La. State Law Institute to conduct data collection of the justice of the peace and city courts in the state of La., including their jurisdiction, the costs and savings for their operations, and to report to the legislature no later than Feb. 1, 2026.

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Judiciary</u> to the <u>original</u> resolution:

- 1. Remove references relative to abolishing the courts.
- 2. Specify collecting data regarding methods of funding and expenditures.
- 3. Change directions to the La. State Law Institute to provide a report rather than to provide recommendations.