

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**House Bill No. 1010 By Representative Arnold**

June 1, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1010 by Representative Arnold, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 4 proposed by Senator Claitor and adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2012, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jeffery "Jeff" J. Arnold

\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Ben Nevers

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Franklin J. Foil

\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Dan Claitor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John F. "Andy" Anders

\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Edwin R. Murray

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 1010 by Representative Arnold

**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

JUDGES: Provides relative to furniture and equipment purchased or owned by the courts of appeal and the district courts

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Removed provisions authorizing judges of the courts of appeal and district courts to purchase with nonpublic funds any equipment in the judge's possession at a cost of the standard depreciated value.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law authorizes the clerk of each court of appeal to collect certain fees for filings and copies and to allocate those collected fees for payment of premiums on fidelity bonds and to retain the balance on those fees for expenses related to the operation of the court and the clerk's office.

Present law provides that after costs of operations and premiums on fidelity bonds are paid that any remaining balance will be expended to reimburse the judges of the courts of appeal for expenses related to their office which are incurred while on official duty, payable out of the self-generated funds in an amount established annually by the Conference of the Court of Appeal Judges, subject to final approval by the Supreme Court of La.

Present law authorizes the judges of the courts of appeal to draw a monthly warrant on the state for 1/12 of the annual appropriation as made by the legislature for the expense and operation of the court.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires title to all furniture and equipment purchased or in the possession of the courts of appeal to be vested with the respective court of appeal.

Proposed law requires the purchase of furniture and equipment to be purchased by the presiding judge or any judge, by the direction of the court, in accordance with policies of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board and the presentation of itemized statements from judges setting forth in detail the items to be purchased.

Proposed law authorizes each court of appeal judge or judicial district court judge, upon termination of office, to purchase with nonpublic funds any furniture or equipment in his possession at the depreciated value.

Proposed law authorizes, at the discretion of the court, the clerk, presiding judge, or any judge of the court of appeals to complete the sale and retain the proceeds to be expended in accordance with the provisions of present law regarding the use of fees collected by the clerk of each court of appeal.

Proposed law requires the proceeds from the sale of furniture or equipment to a judicial district court judge to be deposited in the account from which the funds were expended to purchase the furniture or equipment.

(Amends R.S. 13:392; Adds R.S. 13:352(D), (E), and (F) and 588)