
DIGEST

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HB No. 691

Abstract: Appropriates funds for FY 2013-2014 for expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, Criminal Court of Orleans Parish, juvenile and family courts, and other courts.

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$165,072,877 from the following sources: \$144,838,908 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$10,436,500 through interagency transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services; and, \$9,797,469 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund.

Provides for an additional \$1,976,474 for the legal representation of children in child protection cases.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided as follows:

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 77,469,096
(2)	Courts of Appeal	44,070,577
(3)	District Courts	33,962,684
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	5,934,276
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts	2,345,286
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	2,801,870
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	<u>682,286</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$167,266,075</u>

Provides that the appropriations out of the State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act shall be reduced by a total amount of \$4,169,672 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.

Contingent on the passage of separate legislation, a sum to be determined shall be appropriated out of the State General Fund for the purpose of funding an increase in the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Courts of Appeal, judges of the District Courts, judges of the City and Parish Courts, and certain commissioners as provided for by law. Any such appropriation shall be allocated to the various judges and commissioners in a manner contemplated by the Judicial Compensation Commission's report dated January 9, 2013.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Provided for a change in means of financing to decrease State General Fund (Direct) and increase Interagency Transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services by \$10,436,500 for drug court maintenance and enhancement and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
2. Provided for an additional \$1,976,474 for the legal representation of children in child protection cases.
3. Added requirement that appropriations contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$4,169,672 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.