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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSALIND JONES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Supreme Court to conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload data and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court, and city court in Louisiana to determine changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most efficient use of judicial resources and to report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature prior to February 15, 2012.

WHEREAS, an extraordinary session of the Louisiana Legislature was held in the spring of this year to establish new congressional districts and new districts for the Louisiana House of Representatives, the Louisiana Senate, the Public Service Commission, and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education following receipt of the 2010 United States Census data; and

WHEREAS, as population shifts from some areas of this state to others, it would be prudent to examine the caseload data from each court in the state of Louisiana to determine if the judicial resources are being used in the most efficient manner possible; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the case filing data, case weights, court 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 conduct a comprehensive study of the caseload data and the number of judges of each appellate court, district court, parish court, and city court in Louisiana to determine changes necessary to the existing structure of the judiciary to provide the most efficient use of judicial resources, and to report its findings and recommendations regarding the courts of appeals and parish courts to the Louisiana Legislature prior to February 15, 2012, and report its findings and recommendations

regarding the district courts and city courts to the Louisiana Legislature prior to February 15, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Supreme Court.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE