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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 3

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CLERKS OF COURT: Requests the House Judiciary Committee to study funding relative to the clerk of court for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on Judiciary to study funding for the offices of the clerk for the
3 Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans in accordance with state laws, to
4 determine if there is an alternate funding source available to supplement the clerk's
5 budget, and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
6 convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana laws require the city of New Orleans to fund certain expenses
8 relative to the offices of the clerk for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Act No. 229 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature provides
11 that state statutes mandating payment by the city to the state's employees and officers of the
12 clerk constitute a valid exercise of state's police power and do not violate the Louisiana
13 Constitution of 1921 or the Louisiana Constitution of 1974; and

14 WHEREAS, the amounts required to be paid by the city of New Orleans for
15 expenses, including salaries of constitutional officers, their deputies, subordinates, and
16 employees, to adequately fund the office of the clerk of the Criminal District Court for the
17 parish of Orleans are necessary for the efficient performance of the powers and duties
18 required of a judicial officer of the state.

19 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
20 the House Committee on Judiciary to study the process by which the offices of the clerk for
21 the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans is being funded, to determine if there

1 is an alternate funding source available to supplement the clerk's budget, and to report its
2 findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session
3 of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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