SLS 10RS-635 **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 657

BY SENATOR HEBERT

COURTS. Provides that the budget request for the 16th Judicial District Court be posted on-line. (8/15/10)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51(D), relative to general appropriation bill for the judiciary to provide relative to on-line posting the budget request of certain courts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:51(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§51. General Appropriation Bill; other appropriation bills

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D.**(1)** The bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the bill appropriating funds for the expenses of the judiciary shall be submitted by the legislature and the judiciary, respectively, for introduction no later than forty-five days prior to each regular session of the legislature, except that during the first year of each term they shall be submitted no later than thirty days prior to the regular session of the legislature.

(2)(a) The Sixteenth Judicial District Court shall post on its website information disclosing the court's most recent budget request for appropriation by the legislature. Such budget request shall be posted on the website the same

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day the entire judicial branch's budget is submitted to the legislature for introduction as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The budget request shall remain on the website until such time as the next year's budget request is submitted at which point the earlier request shall be archived.

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, the posting shall be on the website of the chief judge or of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals until such time as the Sixteenth Judicial District Court establishes as an official website.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Present law requires that all budget fund requests for all state district courts shall be submitted to the legislature and the judiciary no later than 45 days prior to each regular session of the legislature, except that during the first year of each term they shall be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the regular session of the legislature.

Proposed law requires the 16th JDC to post its most recent budget request on its website. Provides that it shall be posted on or before the entire judiciary's budget is submitted to the legislature. Provides that it shall remain on the website until such time as the next year's budget request is submitted at which point the earlier budget request shall be archived.

Proposed law provides that the posting shall be on the website of the chief judge or the Third Circuit Court of Appeals until such time as the 16th JDC establishes an official website.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 39:51(D))

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