

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY SENATORS DONAHUE AND PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a task force to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability of creating a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable outcomes.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has experienced exponential growth in business and industry; and

WHEREAS, the legal issues arising in the daily activities of business and industry are often complex, requiring specialized legal knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana would benefit from the creation of a statewide business court with jurisdiction over matters which arise in business and industry; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of creating specialized courts, and particularly a business court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby creates a task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the advisability of creating a statewide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following:

- (1) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (2) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association.
- (3) The president of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or his designee.
- (4) The president of Council for A Better Louisiana or his designee.
- (5) The president of Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or his designee.
- (6) The president of Greater New Orleans, Inc. or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Senate Judiciary A Committee or his designee.
- (8) The Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court or her designee.

(9) The president of the Louisiana District Judges Association or her designee.

(10) The president of the Louisiana Association for Justice or his designee.

(11) The executive committee chair of the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce or her designee.

(12) The chancellor of Southern University Law Center or his designee.

(13) The dean of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law or her designee.

(14) The dean of Tulane Law School or his designee.

(15) The dean of LSU Law Center or his designee.

(16) The president of Louisiana AFL-CIO or his designee.

(17) The president of the Louisiana Clerk of Courts Association or his designee.

(18) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association or his designee.

(19) The president of the Louisiana Urban League or her designee.

(20) The president of the Louisiana NAACP or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as a member of their respective constituent organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct meetings at the times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with a suggestion for proposed legislation, if any, to the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Council for A Better Louisiana, Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Greater New Orleans, Inc., Louisiana District Judges Association and Louisiana Supreme Court.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE