

## **House Committee on Judiciary**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
April 28, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Katrina R. Jackson, chairman  
Representative John H. Bagneris  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan  
Representative Jimmy Harris  
Representative Lowell C. "Chris" Hazel  
Representative Valarie Hodges  
Representative Mike Johnson, vice chair  
Representative Robert A. Johnson  
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Bryan Adams  
Representative Randal L. Gaines  
Representative Christopher J. Leopold  
Representative Joseph P. Lopinto III  
Representative Tanner D. Magee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle D. Fontenot, legal division director  
Lisha Landry, attorney  
Diane Merritt, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Victoria Langston, clerk  
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms  
Beverly Hurst, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 1022 by Representative Edmonds**

Representative Edmonds presented House Bill No. 1022, which provides for the suspension of certain sentences upon completion of reentry court.

Judge Scott Schlegel, 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, 200 Derbigny St., Gretna, LA 70053, (504) 364-3876, testified in support of House Bill No. 1022.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1022 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1022 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Gary Carter, Robby Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Mike Johnson, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee record.

**House Bill No. 893 by Representative Thibaut**

On behalf of the author, Representative Bagneris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 893, which provides relative to tobacco dealers. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 893 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Gary Carter, Robby Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Mike Johnson, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Zeringue voted yea.

**House Bill No. 600 by Representative Leger**

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 600, which provides for the Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans.

Judge Desiree M. Charbonnet and Judge Sean Early, New Orleans Municipal Court, 727 S. Broad St., New Orleans, LA 70119, testified for information only on House Bill No. 600.

Representative Bagneris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 600 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 600 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Gary Carter, Robby Carter, Jimmy Harris, Hazel, Hodges, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee record.

### **House Bill No. 773 by Representative Marcelle**

Representative Marcelle presented House Bill No. 773, which provides for court costs collected in criminal cases.

Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson and Judge Adam J. Haney, East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court, 8333 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 354-1208, testified in support on House Bill No. 773.

Judge Janice Clark, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, 300 North St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 389-5012, testified in support of House Bill No. 773.

Representative Jackson offered an amendment to add that no defendant shall be assessed costs pursuant to proposed law in excess of \$10. Representative Jackson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Chad Brown, Gary Carter, Robby Carter, Coussan, Hazel, Hodges, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Jimmy Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 773 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 773 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Gary Carter, Robby Carter, Coussan, Jimmy Harris, Hodges, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee record.

### **House Bill No. 1002 by Representative Montoucet**

On behalf of the author, Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 1002, which authorizes certain honorably discharged active-duty military personnel to receive benefits through the La. Military Family Assistance Fund.

Representative Coussan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1002 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1002 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Jackson, Bagneris, Chad Brown, Gary Carter, Robby Carter, Coussan, Jimmy Harris, Hodges, Mike Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jay Morris, Shadoin, and Zeringue voted yea.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Katrina R. Jackson  
House Committee on Judiciary