

House Committee on Judiciary

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Third Extraordinary Session
November 18, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kathy Edmonston, vice chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chad Brown
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Kathy Edmonston, vice chair
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative Troy Jude Hebert
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Edmond Jordan
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Joseph A. Orgeron
Representative Jerome Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter, chair
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr.
Representative Mandie Landry
Representative Lauren Ventrella
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gabrielle Lewis, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Robert A. Singletary, director

Rosalie Ammersbach, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 1 by Senator Morris

Senator Morris and Representative McMakin presented Senate Bill No. 1, a constitutional amendment to provide for jurisdiction of courts.

Mr. Bruce Reilly, VOTE, 4930 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 1.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 1 favorably, to which Representative Hughes objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas, 7 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Chenevert, Dickerson, Hebert, Mack, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Brown, Green, Hughes, Jordan, LaCombe, LaFleur, and Orgeron voted nay. Representative Edmonston abstained.

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

Senate Bill No. 5 by Senator Morris

Senator Morris and Representative McMakin presented Senate Bill No. 5, a constitutional amendment to provide for elections to fill newly-created judgeships and judicial vacancies and for exceptions as to courts of limited or specialized jurisdictions.

Catherine Newsome, office of secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 5.

Representative Mack offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 5 favorably, to which Representative Jordan objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 5 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Hebert, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea. Representatives Brown, Green, Hughes, Jordan, LaCombe, and LaFleur voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Hughes offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, Chenevert, Dickerson, Edmonston, Green, Hebert, Hughes, Jordan, LaCombe, LaFleur, Mack, Orgeron, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Robby Carter
House Committee on Judiciary