

ROLL CALL AND RECORD VOTE**Committee:** Judiciary**Location:** Room 1**Date/Time:** 04/09/26 9:00 a.m.**Staff:** Rashida Keith, Division Director
Karen Winfrey, Attorney
Paula Jones, Committee Administrative Assistant
Myrtis Jarrell, Sergeant at Arms
Riley Fitzmorris, Clerk**Roll Call:** 19**Convened:** 09:09 AM**Number of Members:** 19**Adjourned:** 12:27 PM**Quorum:** 10

Carter, Robby	Present
Braud, Jacob	Present
Chenevert, Emily	Present
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Present
Edmonston, Kathy	Present
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Present
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Present
Hebert, Troy Jude	Present
Jordan, Edmond	Present
LaCombe, Jeremy	Present
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Present
Landry, Mandie	Present
Mack, Shane	Present
Newell, Candace N.	Present
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Present
Owen, Charles	Present
Ventrella, Lauren	Present
Wiley, Jeffrey "Jeff" Fons	Present
Zeringue, Jerome	Present

HB29 by BACALA

Provides for the creation of the Ascension Parish retired employee insurance fund

Motion made by: Edmonston, Kathy**Motion:** Favorably**Vote:** 12-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 9:19:37 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB29 by BACALA**Final Action:** Reported favorably. (12-0)

HB39 by FIRMENT

Requires peace officers to be citizens of the United States

Amendment: HCAHB39 4872 826**Motion made by:** Carter, Robby**AMD Motion:** Adopt**Vote:** 12-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 11:44:46 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

Motion made by: Owen, Charles**Motion:** With Amendments**Vote:** 12-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 11:45:51 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB39 by FIRMENT**Final Action:** Reported with amendments. (12-0)**HB77 by TURNER**

Provides for the payment of certain insurance premiums for employees of the clerk of court in Lincoln Parish

Amendment: HCAHB77 4872 3380**Motion made by:** Carter, Robby**AMD Motion:** Adopt**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:20:59 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB77 by TURNER

Provides for the payment of certain insurance premiums for employees of the clerk of court in Lincoln Parish

Motion made by: Orgeron, Joseph A.**Motion:** With Amendments**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:21:17 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB77 by TURNER**Final Action:** Reported with amendments. (13-0)**HB153 by MANDIE LANDRY**

Provides with respect to the collection of criminal court fines and fees

Motion made by: Carter, Robby**Motion:** Defer Voluntary**Vote:** 11-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:19:02 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB153 by MANDIE LANDRY**Final Action:** Defer Voluntary. (11-0)**HB183 by MCKIN**

Provides relative to the use of cellular devices in courts and courthouses

Motion made by: Mack, Shane**Motion:** Defer Voluntary**Vote:** 11-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:08:10 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB183 by MCKIN**Final Action:** Defer Voluntary. (11-0)

HB211 by VILLIO

Provides relative to the creation, administration, and eligibility requirements of the Homelessness Court program

Amendment: HCAHB211 4872 3099**Motion made by:** LaFleur, Vanessa Caston**AMD Motion:** Adopt**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 9:28:23 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Wiley, Jeffrey "Jeff" Fons	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

Amendment: HCAHB211 4872 3340**Motion made by:** Orgeron, Joseph A.**AMD Motion:** Adopt**Vote:** 15-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 9:30:31 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Wiley, Jeffrey "Jeff" Fons	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

Motion made by: Edmonston, Kathy**Motion:** With Amendments**Vote:** 12-4**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 11:24:37 AM**Objection by:** Jordan, Edmond

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Nay
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Nay
Landry, Mandie	Nay
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Nay
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Wiley, Jeffrey "Jeff" Fons	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB211 by VILLIO**Final Action:** Reported with amendments. (12-4)

HB263 by FARNUM

Provides with respect to the magistrate judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court and authority relative to specialty court programs

Motion made by: Edmonston, Kathy

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 13-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 11:43:01 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB263 by FARNUM

Final Action: Reported favorably. (13-0)

HB299 by MELERINE

Provides relative to the filing of jury bonds by person, mail, or commercial courier

Motion made by: Zeringue, Jerome

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 12-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 12:18:12 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB299 by MELERINE

Final Action: Reported favorably. (12-0)

HB324 by VILLIO

Provides relative to judicial salaries

Motion made by: Jordan, Edmond

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 13-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 9:26:07 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Wiley, Jeffrey "Jeff" Fons	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB324 by VILLIO

Final Action: Reported favorably. (13-0)

HB519 by MIKE JOHNSON

Provides relative to the appointment of a special master by a trial court

Amendment: HCAHB519 4872 3300**Motion made by:** LaFleur, Vanessa Caston**AMD Motion:** Adopt**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 9:17:18 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

Motion made by: LaFleur, Vanessa Caston**Motion:** With Amendments**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 9:17:32 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Dickerson, Kellee Hennessy	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Jordan, Edmond	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB519 by MIKE JOHNSON**Final Action:** Reported with amendments. (13-0)**HB520 by WILFORD CARTER**

Requires the clerk of court to grant access to officers of the court information regarding sex offenses and violent crimes

Motion made by: Carter, Robby**Motion:** Defer Voluntary**Vote:** 12-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 11:47:52 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB520 by WILFORD CARTER**Final Action:** Defer Voluntary. (12-0)

HB533 by BERAULT

Requires the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to transfer certain monies into the criminal court fund of the 22nd Judicial District Court

Motion made by: Mack, Shane

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 12-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 11:47:11 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB533 by BERAULT

Final Action: Reported favorably. (12-0)

HB538 by FREIBERG

Provides relative to the judicial expense fund for the Juvenile Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge

Motion made by: LaCombe, Jeremy

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 10-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 12:11:56 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea

HB538 by FREIBERG

Final Action: Reported favorably. (10-0)

HB559 by FISHER

Increases court costs for the Fourth Judicial District

Motion made by: Newell, Candace N.

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 14-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 11:27:57 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Wiley, Jeffrey "Jeff" Fons	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB559 by FISHER

Final Action: Reported favorably. (14-0)

HB562 by LAFLEUR

Provides relative to transcript fee provisions for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court

Amendment: HCAHB562 4872 3387**Motion made by:** LaFleur, Vanessa Caston**AMD Motion:** Adopt**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 11:40:06 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

Motion made by: Ventrella, Lauren**Motion:** With Amendments**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 11:40:59 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Green, Jr., Kyle M.	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB562 by LAFLEUR**Final Action:** Reported with amendments. (13-0)**HB805 by ORGERON**

Provides for the standards of shipping containers for wines and distilled spirits

Motion made by: Zeringue, Jerome**Motion:** Favorably**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:26:08 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB805 by ORGERON**Final Action:** Reported favorably. (13-0)

HB823 by KNOX

Establishes a homeless diversion pilot program in Orleans Parish

Motion made by: Mack, Shane**Motion:** Favorably**Vote:** 14-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:27:42 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
LaFleur, Vanessa Caston	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB823 by KNOX**Final Action:** Reported favorably. (14-0)**HB1004 by BAYHAM**

Increases the jurisdictional threshold for justice of peace courts

Motion made by: Braud, Jacob**Motion:** Defer Voluntary**Vote:** 13-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:22:01 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB1004 by BAYHAM**Final Action:** Defer Voluntary. (13-0)**HB1011 by FREIBERG**

Permits jurors to donate their per diem compensation to the formal program of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Motion made by: LaCombe, Jeremy**Motion:** Favorably**Vote:** 11-0**Vote Date:** 4/9/2026 12:16:27 PM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Braud, Jacob	Yea
Chenevert, Emily	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
LaCombe, Jeremy	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea

HB1011 by FREIBERG**Final Action:** Reported favorably. (11-0)

HB1018 by JACKSON

Provides relative to limitations on the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage permits

Motion made by: Edmonston, Kathy

Motion: Favorably

Vote: 11-0

Vote Date: 4/9/2026 11:53:01 AM

Carter, Robby	Yea
Edmonston, Kathy	Yea
Gallé, Jr., Jack "Jay" William	Yea
Hebert, Troy Jude	Yea
Landry, Mandie	Yea
Mack, Shane	Yea
Newell, Candace N.	Yea
Orgeron, Joseph A.	Yea
Owen, Charles	Yea
Ventrella, Lauren	Yea
Zeringue, Jerome	Yea

HB1018 by JACKSON

Final Action: Reported favorably. (11-0)
