



1 constructed in Lafayette, as it is more centrally located than Lake Charles and less likely to  
2 be affected by damage from future hurricanes; and

3 WHEREAS, moving the domicile of the court to Lafayette would consolidate the  
4 offices of six judges and potentially serve the need of the largest number of people with its  
5 desirable location and lower insurance and land costs; and

6 WHEREAS, a third option has been discussed which urges the study of the feasibility  
7 and desirability of a dual domicile for the Third Circuit Court of Appeal which would  
8 include retaining the current building in Lake Charles as one domicile for the court and  
9 constructing a new building in Lafayette as the other; and

10 WHEREAS, the study should take into consideration the cost of insurance for all  
11 locations, whether any of the potential sites are located in flood zones, any potential  
12 hurricane or storm damage of a lakefront building, and accessibility for the people of the  
13 Third Circuit.

14 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request that the House  
15 Committee on Judiciary conduct a study to determine the most geographically feasible  
16 location, in either Lake Charles or Lafayette, for a courthouse to house the Third Circuit  
17 Court of Appeal, and report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the  
18 convening of the 2009 Regular Session.

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