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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Supreme Court of Louisiana to take appropriate action to allow legislators who are licensed to practice law in the state of Louisiana to receive continuing legal education (CLE) legal ethics credit required pursuant to Rule 3 of Rule XXX of Part H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana for participation in the required governmental ethics training.

WHEREAS, R.S. 37:211 provides that the Louisiana State Bar Association is created and regulated under the rule-making power of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, pursuant to a memorial addressed to the court by the legislature in Act 54 of 1940; and

WHEREAS, Rule 3 of Rule XXX of Part H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana requires each person licensed to practice law in this state to attend, or complete an approved substitute for attendance, a minimum of twelve and one half hours of approved CLE each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, of the twelve and one half hours of CLE required annually, not less than one of such hours shall concern legal ethics and not less than one of such hours shall concern professionalism; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 42:1170 requires that each statewide elected official, legislator, and public service commissioner shall receive a minimum of one hour of education and training on the Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of his term of office; and

WHEREAS, topics eligible for CLE credit in satisfaction of the ethics requirement include programs involving disciplinary rules and rules of professional conduct; and

WHEREAS, the training on the Code of Governmental Ethics that legislator are required to receive includes instruction on disciplinary rules and professional conduct such as abuse of office, prohibited contracts, and financial disclosure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Supreme Court of Louisiana to take appropriate action to allow legislators who are attorneys of the state of Louisiana to receive CLE legal ethics credit required pursuant to Rule 3 of Rule XXX of Part H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana for participation in the required governmental ethics training.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE