

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, BACALA, MIGUEZ, AND HODGES

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides relative to emergency declarations (Items #1, 2, and 28)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:724(B)(1) and 768(A), relative to emergency declarations;
3 to provide relative to the renewal of emergency declarations; to require legislative
4 approval for renewal of emergency declarations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:724(B)(1) and 768(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §724. Powers of the governor

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10 B.(1) A disaster or emergency, or both, shall be declared by executive order
11 or proclamation of the governor if he finds that a disaster or emergency has occurred
12 or the threat thereof is imminent. The state of disaster or emergency shall continue
13 until the governor finds that the threat of danger has passed or the disaster or
14 emergency has been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no longer
15 exist and terminates the state of disaster or emergency by executive order or
16 proclamation, but no state of disaster or emergency ~~may~~ shall continue for longer
17 than thirty days ~~unless renewed by the governor.~~ A state of disaster or emergency
18 may be renewed by the governor only if such renewal is approved by a majority vote
19 of each house of the legislature.

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