

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

(On Recommendation of the Louisiana State Law Institute)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 3396.18, relative to the independent
3 administration of estates; to provide for the sealing of the detailed descriptive list;
4 to provide court authorization for the release of relevant information to certain
5 parties; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 3396.18 is hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 Art. 3396.18. Inventory or sworn descriptive list

10 A. Before the succession can be closed and the independent administrator
11 discharged, there must be filed an inventory or sworn detailed descriptive list of
12 assets and liabilities of the estate verified by the independent administrator.

13 B. ~~A successor shall not be placed in possession of property without the~~
14 ~~filing of an inventory or sworn descriptive list of assets and liabilities. The successor~~
15 ~~may be placed in possession by a final or partial judgment of possession. The~~
16 detailed descriptive list shall be sealed upon the request of an independent
17 administrator, heir, or legatee.

18 C. If the detailed descriptive list is sealed, a copy shall be provided to the
19 decedent's universal successors and surviving spouse. Upon motion of any
20 successor, surviving spouse, or creditor of the estate, the court may furnish relevant

