

Prior law (R.S. 13:4241-4248), the Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, provided for procedures for the enforcement of foreign judgments entitled to the full faith and credit of this state.

New law defines "foreign law" as any law, rule, or legal code or system established and used or applied in a jurisdiction outside of the states or territories of the United States.

New law provides that the public policy of this state is to protect its citizens from the application of foreign laws which will result in the violation of a constitutional right including but not limited to due process, freedom of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage as specifically defined by the constitution of this state.

New law prohibits the enforcement of a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed by the constitution of this state or of the United States.

New law provides that if the enforcement of any choice of law, venue, or forum non conveniens provision in a contract would result in the violation of a constitutional right, that provision shall be interpreted, modified, amended, or construed so that the enforcement of the provision shall not result in a violation of a constitutional right.

New law provides that if any contractual provision or agreement is incapable of being interpreted, modified, amended, or construed in order to preserve the constitutional rights of the parties, it shall be declared null and void.

New law prohibits the application of new law to a juridical person who is a party to the contract or agreement.

New law provides for application of new law to only actual or foreseeable violations of constitutional rights.

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(Adds R.S. 9:6000)