

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

LIABILITY/CIVIL: Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study provisions of law on civil liability for intentional dissemination of personally identifiable information

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study provisions of law on civil
3 liability for intentional dissemination of personally identifiable information, also
4 known as doxing, and to report its findings to the House of Representatives no later
5 than February 1, 2022.

6 WHEREAS, the intentional dissemination of personally identifiable information has
7 become more commonplace and concerns information that would allow the person subject
8 to the doxing to be located, contacted, harassed, threatened, or harmed; and

9 WHEREAS, the practice of doxing can lead to significant and reasonable fear of
10 harm or actual harm, including death or serious bodily injury, to the person whose personally
11 identifiable information is intentionally disseminated to the public; and

12 WHEREAS, the practice of doxing public safety officers, public officials, and minors
13 has become more commonplace; and

14 WHEREAS, the practice of doxing public safety officers and public officials can
15 cause a reasonable fear of harm or actual injury to the public safety officers and public
16 officials, as well as interfere with and discourage public safety officers and public officials
17 from conducting their duties; and

18 WHEREAS, the practice of doxing can be magnified for minors and can cause
19 reasonable fear of harm or actual harm to the minors because of the vulnerability of youth;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, the constitutions of the United States and the state of Louisiana protect
2 personal privacy interests; and

3 WHEREAS, provisions in Louisiana law defining a cause of action for doxing could
4 both deter persons from committing doxing and provide reasonable compensation to victims
5 of doxing; and

6 WHEREAS, the constitutions of the United States and the state of Louisiana protect
7 the right of free speech, the right of freedom of the press, the right of petitioning the
8 government, and the right of confronting an accuser, and any prohibition of, penalty for, or
9 remedy for doxing should avoid violating the legitimate exercise of those constitutional
10 rights.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study
13 provisions of law on civil liability for intentional dissemination of personally identifiable
14 information and to report its findings to the House of Representatives no later than February
15 1, 2022.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
19 one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution
20 to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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