
DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits the removal of a neighbor's branches and roots that extend beyond the property line in certain circumstances.

Present law (C.C. Art. 688) authorizes a landowner to demand removal of branches and roots extending into his property, at the expense of the neighbor, if it affects the enjoyment of the property.

Proposed law authorizes a landowner to trim the branches or roots, at the landowner's own expense, if the landowner sends a 30-day written notification via certified mail after the neighbor does not trim the branches or roots of his trees, bushes, or plants pursuant to present law (C.C. Art. 688).

Proposed law requires a written notification that includes the date, demand for removal, and a statement providing that if the neighbor does not remove the branches or roots, the landowner shall proceed with removal after 30 days from the delivery of the written notification.

Proposed law requires a landowner who removes the branches or roots in violation of proposed law be liable for any damages to the neighbor's trees, bushes, or plants caused by the removal.

(Adds C.C. Art. 688.1)