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SUCCESSIONS: Authorizes the La. State Law Institute to study intestate succession proceedings.

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Authorizes the La. State Law Institute to study intestate succession proceedings and mechanisms to prohibit an intestate successor from inheriting from the deceased when he is estranged from the deceased and report its findings to the La. Legislature.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

1. Change the date the Louisiana State Law Institute has to report its findings to the Louisiana Legislature from January 4, 2027 to February 4, 2027.
2. Specify that Civil Code Article 1617 provides that a forced heir shall be deprived of his legitime if he is disinherited by the testator, for just cause, in the manner prescribed by law.
3. Specify that the disinheriton must be made expressly and for a just cause otherwise it is null in accordance with Civil Code Article 1619. Further specify that the person who is disinherited must be either identified by name or otherwise identifiable from the instrument that disinherits him.
4. Specify that Civil Code Article 1620 provides that there are no just causes for disinheriton except those expressly recognized by law.
5. Specify that one of the causes for disinheriton in Civil Code Article 1621 is if the child, after attaining the age of majority and knowing how to contact the parent, has failed to communicate with the parent without just cause for a period of two years, unless a child was on active duty in any of the military forces of the United States at the time.
6. Delete provision that to allow estranged children to inherit property places a burden on surviving spouses who have contributed to the community property.
7. Delete the request directing the Louisiana State Law Institute to study mechanisms to disinherit a successor without the formality of a will.
8. Direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study mechanisms to prohibit an intestate successor from inheriting from the deceased when he is estranged from the deceased and report its findings to the Louisiana Legislature.
9. Make technical changes.