

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding laws applicable to the rights of landlords and residential tenants.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and its municipalities seeks to ensure that people have safe and affordable housing as one of the basic necessities for a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, over the years legislation has been considered to prohibit predatory renting in the residential housing market; and

WHEREAS, renters who run into conflicts with landlords have few rights to invoke, and often face an eviction process that proceeds quickly; and

WHEREAS, the entire eviction process can take as little as two weeks, from the time landlords notify their tenants of the intention to evict, to the final court ruling ordering the inhabitants of the property to vacate; and

WHEREAS, the threat of eviction, and the speed at which people can be evicted, often prevents residential tenants from complaining about poor conditions; and

WHEREAS, laws such as the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (URLTA) should be studied to determine whether the state should adopt this Act to define the many rights and obligations of residential tenants and private landlords; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Judiciary A considered these issues in a public hearing held on January 15, 2014, in which various issues affecting the rights of both landlords and residential tenants were discussed in detail, in light of the URLTA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the laws applicable to the rights of landlords and residential tenants in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit a written report of its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2016.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES