## 2023 Regular Session

### HOUSE BILL NO. 305

#### BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(C) and 1911(A), relative to the
3	signing of certain orders and documents by the court; to provide relative to the use
4	of electronic signatures by judges; to provide relative to certain requirements; and
5	to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(C) and 1911(A) are hereby amended
8	and reenacted to read as follows:
9	Art. 253. Pleadings, documents, and exhibits to be filed with clerk
10	* * *
11	C. A judge or justice presiding over a court in this state may sign a court
12	order, notice, official court document, and other writings required to be executed in
13	connection with court proceedings, by use of an electronic signature as defined by
14	R.S. 9:2602. The various courts shall provide by court rule for the method of
15	electronic signature to be used and to ensure the authenticity of the electronic
16	signature.
17	* * *
18	Art. 1911. Final judgment; partial final judgment; signing; appeals
19	A. Except as otherwise provided by law, every final judgment shall contain
20	the typewritten or printed name of the judge and be signed by the judge. Any
21	judgment that does not contain the typewritten or printed name of the judge shall not
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2	electronic signature. The various courts shall provide by court rule for the method
3	of electronic signature to be used and to ensure the authenticity of the electronic
4	signature.
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### SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

### GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_