

ACT No. 303

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HOUSE BILL NO. 519

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:4165(G), relative to the appointment of a special master; to provide for the application of the code of judicial conduct to special masters; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:4165(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4165. Special masters; appointment; duties and powers; compensation; code of judicial conduct

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G. For complex causes of action with multiple cases sharing common questions of fact, when consolidated pursuant to an order or rules adopted by the supreme court, any appointment of a special master by a trial court pursuant to this Section shall comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Judicial Conduct as applicable and the requirements of Fed. Civ. R. 53 as to the appointment and disqualification of a master, except to the extent those requirements are specifically inconsistent with state law. Any appointment as described in this Subsection shall also be subject to the provisions of Paragraphs (2) and (6) of Subsection F of this Section. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this Subsection apply to those complex cases designated or approved under rules adopted for this purpose by the Louisiana Supreme Court with all appointments under this

1 Subsection complying with those rules and the ethical requirements of this
2 Subsection.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____