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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

**WILLS/TESTAMENTS:** Requests the La. State Law Institute to study the use of translators in order to execute testaments

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make specific  
3 recommendations for legislation to establish procedures and forms for use when a  
4 translator is required to draft and execute a testament.

5           WHEREAS, Louisiana law currently provides for two forms of testaments:  
6   olographic and notarial; and

7           WHEREAS, Civil Code Articles 1577 through 1580.1 provide for different  
8   procedures and forms for executing notarial testaments in order to accommodate testators  
9   who are physically unable to sign, who are unable to read, who are able to read braille, and  
10   who are deaf or deaf and blind; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, there has been a significant increase in the population of this state of persons who are unable to read or speak English; and

13           WHEREAS, there is no clear procedure or authority for the use of a translator in  
14   drafting or executing a testament for a testator who does not read or speak English.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
16   urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make specific  
17   recommendations for legislation to establish procedures and forms for use when a translator  
18   is required to draft and execute a testament.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 director of the Louisiana State Law Institute and that the Louisiana State Law Institute report  
21 its findings and recommendations in the form of specific proposed legislation to the  
22 Legislature of Louisiana on or before January 1, 2013.

DIGEST

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