

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI

CIVIL/PROCESS: Provides relative to service of process on attorneys

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 1314(B), relative to service of
3 process; to provide for service of pleadings; to provide with respect to service on an
4 attorney; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 1314(B) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 1314. Same; service by sheriff

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10 B. Personal service on a partner or office associate of a counsel of record,
11 including a secretary, receptionist, legal staff, administrative staff, or paralegal, in
12 at the office address of record of ~~such~~ the counsel of record shall constitute valid
13 service under Paragraph A of this Article.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for service of process on an attorney through certain office personnel.

Present law provides that personal service of pleadings on an attorney or office associate shall constitute valid service of process.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that personal service on a secretary, receptionist, legal staff, administrative staff, or paralegal of an attorney at the address of record shall also constitute valid service.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 1314(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill.

1. Added receptionist to the list of office personnel that can receive personal service on behalf of an attorney.