

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:651(A) and to enact R.S. 25:651(D), relative to the Council
3 for the Development of French in Louisiana; to provide for the official working
4 language of the council and its employees; to authorize the council to use certain
5 other designations or names; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 25:651(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 25:651(D) is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §651. Creation; domicile; purposes

10 A.(1) The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, hereinafter
11 referred to as the "council", is hereby created within the Department of Culture,
12 Recreation and Tourism to preserve, promote, and develop Louisiana's French and
13 Creole culture, heritage, and language.

14 (2) The official working language of the council and its employees shall be
15 French.

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1 D. To reflect the council's educational, social, economic development, and
2 diplomatic missions as provided in this Chapter, the council shall also be authorized
3 to identify itself as "Office of Francophone Affairs" in English or "Agence des
4 Affaires Francophones" in French.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____