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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding laws applicable to the rights of landlords and residential tenants.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations
3	regarding laws applicable to the rights of landlords and residential tenants.
4	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and its municipalities seeks to ensure that people
5	have safe and affordable housing as one of the basic necessities for a healthy community;
6	and
7	WHEREAS, over the years legislation has been considered to prohibit predatory
8	renting in the residential housing market; and
9	WHEREAS, renters who run into conflicts with landlords have few rights to invoke,
10	and often face an eviction process that proceeds quickly; and
11	WHEREAS, the entire eviction process can take as little as two weeks, from the time
12	landlords notify their tenants of the intention to evict, to the final court ruling ordering the
13	inhabitants of the property to vacate; and
14	WHEREAS, the threat of eviction, and the speed at which people can be evicted,
15	often prevents residential tenants from complaining about poor conditions; and
16	WHEREAS, laws such as the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
17	(URLTA) should be studied to determine whether the state should adopt this Act to define
18	the many rights and obligations of residential tenants and private landlords; and

1	WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Judiciary A considered these issues in a public
2	hearing held on January 15, 2014, in which various issues affecting the rights of both
3	landlords and residential tenants were discussed in detail, in light of the URLTA.
4	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5	urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations
6	regarding the laws applicable to the rights of landlords and residential tenants in Louisiana.
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
8	a written report of its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the Legislature of
9	Louisiana no later than February 1, 2016.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11	director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb

SCR No. 131

Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the laws applicable to the rights of landlords and residential tenants in Louisiana, and make a written report of its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than February 1, 2016.