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The Honorable Phillip R. DeVillier
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Michelle Fontenot
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900 N. 3rd St.
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RE: House Bill 206 of the 2025 Regular Session by Representative Michael Melerine

Dear Speaker DeVillier:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 206 of the 2025 Regular Session.

House Bill 206 purports to prevent any state, parish, or local election official or elected official in the executive branch from entering into consent agreements or settlement agreements regarding election policies or procedures without concurrent resolution adopted by the legislature. This bill conflicts with Act No. 237 of the 2025 Regular Session, which I have signed into law. Act No. 237, originating as House Bill 64, provides that, "the attorney general preserve and defend the state's autonomy, independence, and sovereignty in all legal matters and disputes involving the federal government and preserve for the state any power not expressly delegated to the federal government." Furthermore, Act No. 237 requires approval of the Governor and Attorney General for the state or any department, agency, board, commission, institution, or local political subdivision to enter into a consent judgment in federal court in certain circumstances. Act No. 237 cannot be squared with House Bill 206.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 206 and return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Jeff Landry
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Enclosure: Returned House Bill 206