

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 139

BY SENATOR FOIL

SUITS AGAINST STATE. Provides for the amount of interest awarded on claims for personal injury or wrongful death in suits against the state or political subdivisions. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5112(C), relative to suits against the state or a political

3 subdivision; to provide relative to the accrual rate of legal or judicial interest on any

4 claim for personal injury or wrongful death; to provide relative to requirements,

5 conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5112(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §5112. Suits against the state or political subdivision; court costs; interest

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10 C. Legal interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death shall

11 accrue at **the lesser of** six percent per annum **or the rate of judicial interest in**

12 **accordance with R.S. 13:4202. Legal interest shall accrue** from the date service

13 is requested following judicial demand until the judgment thereon is signed by the

14 trial judge in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Article 1911. Legal interest

15 accruing subsequent to the signing of the judgment shall be at the rate fixed by R.S.

16 9:3500.

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