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Present law (R.S. 13:5112) provides that in any suit against the state or any department, board, commission, agency, or political subdivision in which a judgment is rendered, the court may award the successful party court costs and interest.

Present law (R.S. 13:5112(C)) provides that legal interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death accrues at 6% per annum from the date service is requested following judicial demand until the signing of the judgment pursuant to present law (C.C.P. Art. 1911). Further provides that legal interest accruing subsequent to the signing of the judgment will be at the rate fixed by present law, (R.S. 9:3500).

Proposed law provides that legal interest on any claim for personal injury or wrongful death accrues at the lesser of 6% per annum or the rate of judicial interest in accordance with present law, (R.S. 13:4202).

Proposed law provides that legal interest accrues from the date service is requested following judicial demand until the signing of the judgment pursuant to present law (C.C.P. Art. 1911).

Proposed law retains present law requirement that legal interest accruing subsequent to the signing of the judgment will be at the rate fixed by present law, (R.S. 9:3500).

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:5112(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

2. Provides that judicial interest accruing subsequent to the signing of the judgment shall be at the rate fixed in present law.