

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVES FALCONER AND HUVAL

PUBLIC BUILDINGS/ST CAPL: Directs the office of state buildings and grounds to duplicate all signage at the state capitol in French

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the division of administration, office of state buildings to produce
3 and post French language versions of any English language signs within the state
4 capitol complex; and to provide for related matters.

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 1:51 Louisiana is officially bilingual, to wit: "Any act
6 or contract made or executed in the French language is as legal and binding upon the parties
7 as if it has been made or executed in the English language"; and

8 WHEREAS, the heritage of Louisiana's French-speaking people is one of the
9 treasures of the unique and distinctive culture and lifestyle that have flourished in the
10 southern region of our state; and

11 WHEREAS, providing signage in the French language on capitol grounds would
12 encourage the preservation of south Louisiana's French cultural heritage and would provide
13 an important service to French-speaking residents and visitors alike; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana has long sought to preserve and develop the French language
15 and Francophone culture within the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has recognized the importance of
17 Louisiana's French heritage in the designation of the Acadiana region and by according
18 official status to the French language; and

19 WHEREAS, there are approximately one hundred twenty thousand French-speaking
20 citizens and nearly eight hundred thousand residents of French-language heritage in
21 Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, to meet the demands of a growing Francophone tourist market, tourism
2 bureaus and commissions throughout the state, particularly in southern Louisiana, have
3 information on tourist sites in both French and English; and

4 WHEREAS, the division of administration should approve and provide signs to be
5 installed on the state capitol grounds for every English sign that is displayed.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 authorize and direct the division of administration, office of state buildings to produce and
8 post French language versions of English language signs within the state capitol complex
9 in Baton Rouge.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the division of administration, office of state
11 buildings, shall produce and post one-third of the signs required by this Resolution each year
12 for the next three fiscal years.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funding for the production and
14 posting of the signs in accordance with this Resolution shall be accomplished through gifts,
15 grants, donations, or any other funding sources not otherwise prohibited by law.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, translation services for the signs may
17 be provided by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Directs the division of administration, office of state buildings to, over the next three fiscal years, produce and post signage in the French language on state capitol grounds for every English language sign on the grounds.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require the office of state buildings to post one-third of the required signs each year for the next three years.
2. Require funding for the production and posting of the required signs to come from private sources.
3. Authorize the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana to provide translation services for this project.