SENATE BILL NO. 130

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2554(B)(2), relative to court reporters; to provide for digital

3   recording; and to provide for related matters.

4   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5   Section 1. R.S. 37:2554(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6   §2554. Qualifications; examinations; certificates

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10   (2)**(a) Except as provided for in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph,**

11   **any** ~~Any~~ person duly holding a certification in digital reporting from a recognized

12   authority as defined in R.S. 37:2555, or any person employed as an official court

13   reporter or deputy official court reporter by a court of record utilizing electronic or

14   audio recording as a method of official court reporting on or before December 31,

15   2011, shall be certified as long as they remain employed by that court as an official

16   or deputy official court reporter. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not be

17   applicable to the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Thirty-Second,

18   Thirty-Fourth, and Fortieth Judicial District Courts, the Orleans Parish Civil District

19   Court, the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, the New Orleans First and Second

20   City Courts, the New Orleans Municipal and Traffic Courts, and on and after the

21   effective date of its creation, the Forty-First Judicial District Court.

22   **(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in Orleans**

23   **Parish Civil District Court, electronic or audio recording may be utilized only**

24   **in hearings related to protection from abuse pursuant to R.S. 46:2131 et seq. or**

1   **R.S. 46:2151, protection from stalking pursuant to R.S. 46:2171 et seq., and**

2   **protection for victims of sexual assault pursuant to R.S. 46:2181 et seq.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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