

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

CIVIL/PROCESS: Provides relative to the appointment of an agent for service of process for certain nonresident litigants

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 863(A), relative to civil pleadings;  
3 to provide relative to certain nonresident parties; to provide for the appointment of  
4 agents for service of process in certain circumstances; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 863(A) is hereby amended and reenacted  
8 to read as follows:

9 Art. 863. Signing of pleadings, effect, agents for nonresident parties

10 A.(1) Every pleading of a party represented by an attorney shall be signed  
11 by at least one attorney of record in his individual name, whose address shall be  
12 stated. A party who is not represented by an attorney shall sign his pleading and  
13 state his address.

14 (2) In addition to the requirements set forth in Subparagraph (1) of this  
15 Paragraph, a nonresident party proceeding in proper person shall appoint an agent  
16 for service of process located within the jurisdiction of the court. The court shall  
17 impose an appropriate sanction, including dismissal of action, for the nonresident  
18 party's failure to appoint an agent for service of process located within the  
19 jurisdiction of the court.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires nonresident litigants who are proceeding in proper person to provide an agent for service of process.

Present law requires a party who is not represented by an attorney to sign the pleading and state an address.

Proposed law retains present law and requires nonresident litigants who are proceeding in proper person to provide an agent located within the jurisdiction of the court to receive service of process.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 863(A))