

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVES FRIEMAN, AMEDEE, BOYD, WILFORD CARTER,
ECHOLS, EMERSON, GAROFALO, HODGES, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON,
AND KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 622(A) and to enact Children's Code Article
3 650, relative to the placement of a child removed from the care of a parent; to
4 provide for the intervention of an interested party to facilitate the placement of the
5 child; to permit a party to motion the court for a contradictory hearing to determine
6 the placement of a child; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Children's Code Article 622(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and
9 Children's Code Article 650 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 Art. 622. Placement pending a continued custody hearing

11 A. Prior to the continued custody hearing required in Article 624, a suitable
12 relative or other suitable individual may intervene or seek and obtain an ex parte
13 court order to take provisional custody of the child pending the continued custody
14 hearing. The provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Article 3945 are inapplicable to
15 an ex parte order rendered pursuant to this Paragraph.

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17 Art. 650. Intervention

18 A. For good cause shown, the court may allow any family member or
19 interested person to intervene to facilitate the placement of the child and to ensure
20 that the best interests of the child are protected.

21 B. The court may limit the nature and extent of intervenor's participation in
22 the adjudication hearing.

1 C. For the purposes of this Section, "interested person" means any person
2 with whom the child enjoys a close, established, significant relationship, yet not a
3 blood relative, including a neighbor, godparent, teacher, or close friend of the parent.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____