
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 609
by Representative Firment

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 6, after "umpires;" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 7 in its
3 entirety

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 6, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "be selected by a judge of a"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 7, at the beginning of line 28, insert "A."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 8, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

10 "B. A person aggrieved by a decision, act, or order of the commissioner
11 pursuant to the provisions of this Part may demand a hearing in accordance with
12 Chapter 12 of this Title, R.S. 22:2191 et seq."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 8, delete lines 20 through 22 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

15 "(4) "Immediate family" as the term relates to an appraiser or umpire means
16 his spouse, the parents of his spouse, his parents, his children and their spouses, and
17 his siblings and their spouses."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 6

19 On page 8, line 26, after "appraisers" delete the comma "," and the remainder of the line and
20 at the beginning of line 27, delete "commissioner,"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 7

22 On page 9, at the beginning of line 2, insert "A."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 8

24 On page 9, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

25 "B. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to authorize the commissioner to
26 regulate the practice of law."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 9

28 On page 9, line 17, delete "the commissioner or"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 10

30 On page 9, line 23, delete "commissioner or"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 11

2 On page 10, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

3 "C. A disqualifying conflict of interest for an appraiser exists if any of the
4 following apply:

5 (1) The appraiser or a member of his immediate family is any of the
6 following:

7 (a) A party to the claim.

8 (b) A current employee or contractor of a party.

9 (c) A current employee of the adjuster or public adjuster, including business
10 entity licensees, who adjusted the loss.

11 (2) The appraiser is a party to a current lawsuit with the insurer that is a party
12 to the appraisal."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 12

14 On page 11, line 12, after "may" delete the comma "," and "in his sole discretion,"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 13

16 On page 14, line 5, after "may" delete the comma "," and "in his sole discretion,"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 14

18 On page 14, line 16, delete "commissioner or"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 15

20 On page 14, line 18, delete "the commissioner or"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 16

22 On page 14, delete line 22 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

23 "(2) Select an umpire qualified pursuant to R.S. 22:1807.17."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 17

25 On page 15, delete lines 27 through 29 in their entirety and on page 16, delete lines 1
26 through 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

27 "G. If the appraisers do not agree to an umpire from the umpire selection
28 panel, each appraiser may object pursuant to R.S. 22:1807.26, and the appraisers
29 may agree, in writing, to the commissioner selecting an umpire from the umpire
30 selection panel using a random selection method. If the appraisers do not both agree
31 in writing to that selection, then a judge shall make the appointment pursuant to
32 applicable law.

33 H. If the appraisers elect to use the random selection method, the
34 commissioner shall notify the umpire selected pursuant to Subsection"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 18

36 On page 18, line 6, delete "which shall require" and insert "that requires"

37 AMENDMENT NO. 19

38 On page 18, line 7, change "provide" to "provides"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 20

2 On page 19, delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety and on page 20, delete lines 1 through
3 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

4 "B. To request the commissioner to extend a deadline, a party, appraiser, or
5 umpire shall, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 22:1807.25, send the request in
6 writing to the commissioner explaining the reasonable cause for the extension.
7 Reasonable cause includes military deployment of the claimant.

8 C. The commissioner shall not approve deadline extensions that exceed an
9 aggregate of one hundred twenty"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 21

11 On page 20, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

12 "A. A party, appraiser, or umpire submitting notices, requests, or other items
13 to the commissioner pursuant to this Subpart shall hand deliver, mail, or send in a
14 manner that is otherwise"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 22

16 On page 20, line 28, delete "which shall" and insert "and"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 23

18 On page 21, delete lines 7 through 10 in their entirety and at the beginning of line 11, change
19 "(2)" to "C."

20 AMENDMENT NO. 24

21 On page 21, delete lines 27 and 28 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

22 "upon who will serve as umpire, the umpire shall be appointed by a judge of the
23 court of record in which the"