
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

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

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, delete "1807.26" and insert "1807.27"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 13, after "costs;" insert "to provide for the payment of appraisal rewards;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 18, delete "1807.26," and insert "1807.27,"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 4

8 On page 9, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

9 "C. An umpire appointed by a court pursuant to this Subpart is subject
10 to the supervision of the appointing court for the performance of his duties."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 9, line 21, after "judge" delete the comma "," and delete "if a lawsuit has been
13 filed."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 6

15 On page 9, line 29, after "work" insert a comma "," and insert "or if the period for the
16 appraisers to complete their work provided under applicable law has expired, then either
17 appraiser may instruct the umpire to begin work"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 7

19 On page 11, line 4, delete "current" and change "with" to "against"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 8

21 On page 14, line 2, after "and" insert "any potential umpire electing to be included in the
22 commissioner's umpire list pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 9

24 On page 15, line 4, delete "by judge"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 10

26 On page 15, line 5, change "A." to "A.(1)"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 11

28 On page 15, delete lines 7 through 10, and insert the following:

29 "(2) A judge selecting an umpire shall select an umpire qualified
30 pursuant to R.S. 22:1807.17.

1 B. The provisions of Subsections C through H of this Section shall
2 apply when the appraisers agree to request the commissioner to submit an
3 umpire selection panel."

4 AMENDMENT NO. 12

5 On page 18, line 24, delete "and the umpire shall sign" and insert "shall present the umpire
6 with"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 13

8 On page 19, line 26, delete "parties," and insert "parties' designated representatives,"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 14

10 On page 20, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

11 "D. If a suit has been filed, extension of deadlines related to a
12 particular case shall only be made by the court of record in which the
13 property is located.

14 E. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section, appraisers may
15 jointly agree to extend deadlines."

16 AMENDMENT NO. 15

17 On page 21, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

18 "§1807.27. Payment of an appraisal award

19 A. If an appraisal award made pursuant to the provisions of this
20 Subpart is not paid by the insurer within thirty days of the award amount
21 being submitted to the insurer in a signed writing, the award amount may be
22 considered as evidence but shall not be binding, except as agreed to by the
23 parties, provided that the insurer's period to pay the award shall be extended
24 to any longer period for payment of the amount due as provided by law. Any
25 award payment obligation is subject to the limits of coverage, other terms
26 and conditions of the policy, and reductions for deductibles and prior
27 payments.

28 B. An insurer's motion to vacate the appraisal award for good cause
29 shall be filed in the court of record in which the property is located within
30 thirty days from the date the insurer receives the appraisal award amount."