CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 310

2025 Regular Session

Zeringue

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 310 by Representative Zeringue, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 3 by Senator Miller (#2734) be adopted.
- 2. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 by Senator Miller (#2734) be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "Article 14.1(B)," and before "relative" insert "and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B)(3),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted" and before "to read" insert "and Code of Civil Procedure Article 253(B)(3) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (B)(2) of this Article, the following original documents may be filed in paper form, either in person, by U.S. mail, or by commercial courier:

(a) An original will or testament filed and retained in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Article 2911.

(b) An original promissory note, other instrument, or any evidence required to be in authentic form in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Article 2635.

(c) Motions for default judgment which do not require a hearing in open court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Articles 1702 and 1702.1 and supporting attached documentation.

(d) Documents which are required to be original in order to support or defend against a claim."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Robby Carter

Representative Jerome Zeringue

Senator Gregory A. Miller

Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III

Representative Paula P. Davis

Senator W. Jay Luneau

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

COURTS: Provides relative to filings in civil and criminal courts

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Provide that all civil and criminal filings made by an attorney shall be filed either in person in paper form or electronically with the clerk of court.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Provided that an original testament may be submitted by certified mail or commercial courier for retention by the clerk of court as provide by present law.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that an original will or testament, promissory note or other instrument required to be in authentic form and the pleading to which it is attached, motions for default, and documents which are required to be in original form to support or defend against a claim may be filed in person, by U.S. Mail or by commercial courier for retention by the clerk of court.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Present law</u> provides that all civil and criminal filings made by an attorney shall be filed electronically with the clerk of court.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that all civil and criminal filing made by an attorney shall be filed either in person, in paper form, or electronically with the clerk of court.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that an original will or testament, promissory note or other instrument required to be in authentic form, motions for default judgment, and documents which are required to be in original form to support or defend against a claim may be filed by U.S. mail, or by commercial courier for retention by the clerk of court.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the clerk of court shall retain all documents and exhibits introduced or proffered into evidence, submitted with a petition for executory process or filed in a summary judgment proceeding.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 253(B)(2) and C.Cr.P. Art. 14.1(B); Adds C.C.P. Art. 253(B)(3))