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HOUSE BILL NO. 46

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JUDGMENTS: Requires judges to sign and print their names on all judgments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Articles 1911 and 4906, relative to
3 judgments; to provide for the court's signature on judgments; to provide for the
4 typewritten or printed name of the judge rendering judgment; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Articles 1911 and 4906 are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 Art. 1911. Final judgment; partial final judgment; signing; appeals

10 Except as otherwise provided by law, every final judgment shall contain the
11 typewritten or printed name of the judge and be signed by the judge. Any judgment
12 that does not contain the typewritten or printed name of the judge shall not be
13 invalidated for that reason. For the purpose of an appeal as provided in Article 2083,
14 no appeal may be taken from a final judgment until the requirement of this Article
15 has been fulfilled. No appeal may be taken from a partial final judgment under
16 Article 1915(B) until the judgment has been designated a final judgment under
17 Article 1915(B). An appeal may be taken from a final judgment under Article
18 1915(A) without the judgment being so designated.

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- 1 Art. 4906. Form of judgment in parish or city courts
- 2 The judgment shall be in writing, contain the typewritten or printed name of
- 3 the judge, and be signed by the judge. Any judgment that does not contain the
- 4 typewritten or printed name of the judge shall not be invalidated for that reason.
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DIGEST

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HB No. 46

Abstract: Requires a judgment to contain the typewritten or printed name of the judge rendering the judgment.

Present law requires a final judgment in district court to be signed by the judge.

Present law requires a judgment in parish or city court to be signed by the judge.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the judgment to contain the typewritten or printed name of the judge rendering the judgment.

Proposed law prohibits the invalidation of a judgment that does not contain the typewritten or printed name of the judge.

(Amends C.C.P. Arts. 1911 and 4906)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added a provision to prohibit the invalidation of a judgment that does not contain the typewritten or printed name of the judge.