

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

EVIDENCE. Provides relative to expert testimony

DIGEST

Present law authorizes a witness qualified as an expert to testify if his specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or determine a fact in issue.

Proposed law retains present law and codifies existing jurisprudence requiring an expert's opinion to have a reliable basis.

Proposed law provides that no change in law or result in a ruling on evidence admissibility shall be presumed or is intended by the Legislature of Louisiana by the passage of proposed law.

(Amends C.E. Art. 702)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

1. Removes the phrase "all of the following apply".
2. Adds a new section with language providing that no change in law or result in a ruling on evidence admissibility shall be presumed or is intended by the Legislature of Louisiana by the passage of the proposed Act.