

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 624 by Representative Abramson

EVIDENCE: Provides relative to expert testimony

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deleted the reference to the Federal Rules of Evidence.
2. Provided 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.
3. Made technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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)