

1 WHEREAS, proponents of wider use of "d/Deaf" in written language argue that the
2 term is more than a linguistic expedient as it embodies both sense and reference and has a
3 generally accepted definition; and

4 WHEREAS, like the law, language is a human creation which evolves to meet the
5 needs of human society.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the prospective use of the term
8 "d/Deaf" in law and to report findings of the study in the form of recommendations to the
9 legislature concerning the term.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall report
11 findings and recommendations resulting from the study requested by this Resolution to the
12 legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2018 Regular Session.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 director of the Louisiana State Law Institute and to the executive director and each member
15 of the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. State Law Institute to study the prospective use of the term "d/Deaf" in law and to report recommendations concerning the term to the legislature.

Requests a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than 30 days prior to the 2018 R.S.