
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Reengrossed House Bill No. 293 by Representative Amedee

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 18, after "attorney" delete "or" and insert "and"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 19, after "damages" insert ", costs, or attorney fees"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 2, line 3, after "office." insert the following:

7 "The attorney general may authorize the district attorney to employ special counsel. If such
8 authorization is given, the attorney general must approve the district attorney's choice of
9 special counsel. Compensation for legal services provided by the district attorney, attorney
10 general, or special counsel shall be set in accordance with the attorney general's fee schedule
11 and such attorney fees and costs shall be paid by the state. Legal services provided in
12 defense of a claim, demand, suit, complaint, or petition as provided for in this Subsection
13 shall not be construed as enforcement of the statute challenged."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 4

15 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 23 and insert the following:

16 "(3) Payment of a final judgment or consent judgment shall be by legislative
17 appropriation. Payment of legal services to defend the claim, demand, suit,
18 complaint, or petition as provided for in this Subsection shall be by legislative
19 appropriation. A majority of the members of the litigation subcommittee of the Joint
20 Legislative Committee on the Budget must approve any payment five hundred
21 thousand dollars or more for legal services to defend the claim, demand, suit, or
22 petition or payment of a final judgment or consent judgement that is five hundred
23 thousand dollars or more. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
24 subcommittee may meet in executive session to consider such appropriations."

25 "(4) The attorney defending the claim, demand, suit, complaint, or petition,
26 provided for in this Subsection shall submit to the subcommittee a concise abstract
27 of the facts and principles of law on which the claim is based. The abstract shall also
28 include a detailed analysis of the calculation of damages, attorneys fees, costs, and
29 interest thereon. The abstract and other information submitted to the subcommittee
30 shall be public record, except material that reflects the mental impressions,
31 conclusions, opinions, or theories of an attorney."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 5

33 On page 2, line 27, after "damages" insert ", costs, or attorney fees"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 6

35 On page 2, after line 28, insert the following:

36 "Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
37 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
38 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the

1 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
2 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."