

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that unless a decedent has otherwise specifically indicated by notarial testament or notarized declaration who has the right to control the disposition of his remains, a list of priority of kinship specified in existing law shall be used.

New law creates an exception to existing law to prohibit a person from controlling the disposition of the remains of a decedent when a warrant or judicial determination of probable cause has been issued for his arrest for first degree murder, second degree murder, or manslaughter for the death of the decedent.

Existing law regarding cremation provides a list of persons, in order of priority, who have the right to serve as an authorizing agent for cremation. New law creates an exception to existing law which provides that no person shall have the right to cremate a decedent when a warrant or judicial determination of probable cause for first degree murder, second degree murder, or manslaughter has been issued for his arrest for the death of the decedent.

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(Amends R.S. 8:655(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 8:655(F) and R.S. 37:876(H))