

June 29, 2021

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder  
Speaker of the House  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 295 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 295 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill, as finally passed, would eliminate the requirement that a certified copy of a death certificate be attached to the affidavit required to administer a small succession outside of probate. It is clear from committee debate in both chambers that the intent of both the author and the committees is that the legislation eliminate the necessity of a certified copy of the death certificate but alternatively require the affidavit to be an authentic act with a copy of the death certificate attached. Instead, the bill requires either an affidavit with a copy of the death certificate *or* an affidavit that is an authentic act.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez  
Louisiana Senate President