

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 954

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

LEGISLATIVE AGCY/LAW INST: Provides relative to certain duties of the La. State Law Institute

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:204(A)(introductory paragraph) and 251, relative to the
3 Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide relative to duties; to provide relative to
4 continuous revisions of Louisiana law; to provide for specific direction by the
5 legislature; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:204(A)(introductory paragraph) and 251 are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §204. General purpose; duties

10 A. The general purposes for which the Louisiana State Law Institute is
11 formed are to promote and encourage the clarification and simplification of the law
12 of Louisiana and its better adaptation to present social needs, to secure the better
13 administration of justice, and to carry on scholarly legal research and scientific legal
14 work. To that end it shall be the duty of the Louisiana State Law Institute when
15 specifically directed by concurrent resolution of the legislature:

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17 §251. Continuous revision under supervision of Louisiana State Law Institute

18 The Louisiana State Law Institute, as the official advisory law revision
19 commission of the State of Louisiana, shall direct and supervise the continuous
20 revision, clarification and co-ordination of the Louisiana Revised Statutes in a
21 manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter when specifically
22 directed by concurrent resolution of the legislature.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the legislature must specifically direct the La. State Law Institute to fulfill its duties as provided by law.

Present law (R.S. 24:204(A)) provides for the general purposes of the La. State Law Institute. Present law provides for the following duties of the La. State Law Institute:

- (1) To consider needed improvements in present law and make recommendations to the legislature.
- (2) To examine and study the civil law of La. and jurisprudence and recommend reforms.
- (3) To cooperate with the American Law Institute, the Uniform Law Commission, bar associations, and other societies and bodies by receiving, considering, and making reports on proposed changes recommended by any such body.
- (4) To receive and consider suggestions from judges, justices, public officials, lawyers, and the public.
- (5) To recommend changes in the law as necessary to modify or eliminate antiquated or inequitable rules of law.
- (6) To render biennial reports to the legislature and, if it deems advisable, to accompany its reports with proposed bills.
- (7) To make available translations of civil law materials and commentaries and to provide by studies and other doctrinal writings, materials for the understanding of La. civil law and the civil law philosophy.
- (8) To recommend the repeal of obsolete articles and suggest needed amendments, additions, and repeals.
- (9) To organize and conduct an annual meeting.
- (10) To make biennial recommendations on unconstitutional provisions of laws.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that the legislature must specifically direct by concurrent resolution the La. State Law Institute to conduct its duties.

Present law (R.S. 24:251) provides that the La. State Law Institute shall direct and supervise the continuous revision of the La. Revised Statutes.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that the legislature must specifically direct by concurrent resolution the La. State Law Institute to supervise the continuous revision of the La. Revised Statutes.

(Amends R.S. 24:204(A)(intro. para.) and 251)