



1           WHEREAS, while interpreters may qualify as experts, it is well accepted that  
2 interpreters do not give opinions; and

3           WHEREAS, standards and guidance to follow when considering the competence of  
4 an interpreter for purposes of qualification, as well as avenues to challenge the accuracy of  
5 the interpretation itself are absent from Louisiana laws; and

6           WHEREAS, judicial efficiency may be enhanced through the clarification of rules  
7 governing interpreters and interpretations in Louisiana law.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
9 urge and request that the Louisiana State Law Institute study the Office of Language Access  
10 Stakeholder Committee's proposed changes, when received, and give recommendations, if  
11 any, to the laws on the use of interpreters in court proceedings to enhance judicial efficiency  
12 and clarity within the rules of evidence and procedure.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Concurrent Resolution be  
14 transmitted to the director of the Louisiana State Law Institute and that the Louisiana State  
15 Law Institute report its findings and recommendation to the Legislature of Louisiana on or  
16 before April 28, 2023.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit  
18 one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution  
19 to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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Requests the La. State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the Office of Language Access Stakeholder Committee's proposed changes to the laws on the use of interpreters in court proceedings.