
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Mizell to Reengrossed House Bill No. 298 by Representative Hughes

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 6, delete lines 6 through 8, and insert the following:

3 "(2) For actions brought under Article 1015.1, the court shall have discretion to decide under
4 the circumstances for each case whether to appoint counsel for the child. In no event shall
5 the petitioner of such action or the minor child be required to interact with the respondent
6 as a condition to pursue termination under this Article. Any counsel acting on behalf of the
7 child shall not require a petitioner to make the child available for any visitation or
8 conversation with the respondent or the respondent's family and shall not require any
9 nonoffending petitioner to take classes or provide updates on the child. A petitioner shall
10 have the right to seek an expedited suspensive appeal for any violation of this Article."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 2

12 On page 7, after line 21 insert the following:

13 "Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed
14 by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the
15 governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed
16 by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval."