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## DIGEST

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HB 651 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Modifies relative to fraudulent insurance acts and provides for the commissioner of insurance's subpoena powers.

Present law defines "fraudulent insurance act". Proposed law retains present law and includes as a "fraudulent insurance act" a person's presentation of a statement, estimate, invoice, or other related document to an insurer or insured that misrepresents the scope of damages or costs of repairs associated with a property insurance claim.

Present law outlines additional fraudulent insurance acts. Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of insurance (commissioner) to subpoena persons for attendance at hearings or investigation proceedings. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law further authorizes the commissioner to issue subpoenas to compel persons or entities to appear when he receives information that gives reason to believe that such person or entity possesses or controls documentary or non-documentary information relevant to an investigation for a possible violation of fraud pursuant to present law.

Proposed law requires the commissioner to serve subpoenas in the same manner as if issued by a district court.

(Amends R.S. 22:1923(intro. para.) and (2)(intro. para.), 1964(13), and 2198(A); Adds R.S. 22:1923(2)(p))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Modify proposed law to provide that a "fraudulent insurance act" includes a person's presentation of a statement, estimate, invoice, bid, proposal, proof of loss, or any other document to an insurer or insured that misrepresents the scope of damages or costs of repairs associated with a property insurance claim.
2. Make technical changes.