## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds a legal representative of the person who has been sentenced to death as a person required to be present for every execution of a death sentence.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 15:570(A)) provides for a list of individuals who shall be present for every execution of the death sentence as follows:

- (1) The warden of the La. State Penitentiary at Angola, or a competent person selected by him.
- (2) The coroner of the parish of West Feliciana, or his deputy.
- (3) A physician summoned by the warden of the La. State Penitentiary at Angola.
- (4) A competent person selected by the warden of the La. State Penitentiary to carry out the authorized execution method.
- (5) A priest or minister of the gospel, if the convict so requests it.
- (6) Not less than five nor more than seven other witnesses.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds a legal representative of the person who has been sentenced to death.

(Amends R.S. 15:570(A)(6); Adds R.S. 15:570(A)(7))