
DIGEST

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Abstract: Defines "sex" and changes all references from "gender" to "sex".

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) Definitions and use of gender or the number of persons in present law.
- (2) Boards, commissions, committees, authorities, and council appointments or membership of the La. Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board, La. Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board, hospital advisory committees, Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, advisory councils, children and youth services advisory boards, postsecondary education management boards, charter school boards, La. State Bd. of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, La. State Bd. of Nursing, La. State Bd. of Practical Nurse Examiners, La. State Bd. of Optometry Examiners, La. Licensed Professional Counselors Bd. of Examiners, Bd. of Pharmacy, La. State Bd. of Examiners for Sanitarians, La. State Bd. of Examiners of Psychologists, La. Physical Therapy Bd., La. Bd. for Hearing Aid Dealers, La. State Bd. of Social Work Examiners, Bd. of Electrolysis Examiners, La. State Bd. of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition, Radiologic Technology Bd. of Examiners, Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority, La. Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Bd. of Examiners, La. Bd. of Massage Therapy, La. Behavior Analyst Bd., La. Bd. of Drug and Device Distributors, La. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training, La. Bd. of Ethics, Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement, La. Economic Development, central collection commissions, Volunteer La. Commission, Ouachita Expressway Authority, Shreveport Implementation and Redevelopment Authority, Sewage and Water Bd., Evangeline Economic Development Authority, Village of Palmetto in St. Landry Parish, Bd. of Commissioners St. Martin Parish, Bd. of Commissioners St. Landry Parish, and La. Workforce Investment Council.
- (3) Data collection and reports for criminal justice reform, the office of juvenile justice, schools, traffic citations, and migration of residents.
- (4) Criminal matters regarding preemptory exceptions, expungement forms, detention centers, hate crimes, education, training and discipline, work opportunities, vocational training, contracts and agreements, solitary confinement, and impaired tracking systems.
- (5) Insurance matters regarding examinations, the La. Health Plan, and actuarial reviews.

- (6) The Poverty Point Reservoir Development Dedicated Fund Account, Police Pension Fund for the Police Dept. of the City of New Orleans, and Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the City of New Orleans.
- (7) The Uniform International Child Abduction Prevention Act.
- (8) The La. Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act.
- (9) The La. Parkinson's Disease Registry.
- (10) The Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans.
- (11) Targeted advertisements, gestational carriers, horse racing, commemorative certificates, small and emerging businesses, and deer and turkey harvest records and tagging.

Proposed law generally retains present law but changes references from "gender" to "sex".

Proposed law defines "sex" as an individual's biological sex, either male or female, as observed or clinically certified at birth. Gender identity and other subjective terms shall not be used as synonyms or substitutes for sex.

Proposed law also authorizes and directs the La. State Law Institute to change all references in law from gender to sex as it pertains to the personally identifiable information of an individual.

Proposed law may be known and cited as the "Restoring Biological Truth Act".

(Amends C.C. Art. 14, C.C.P. Art. 5055, C.Cr.P. Arts. 4, 795(C), (D), and (E), 989, 992, 994, 997, 998, and 999.1, Ch.C. Arts. 106, 720(B)(1), 725, 1217.1(A)(4), and 1239.1(A)(4), R.S. 1:8, R.S. 3:1493(E) and 2074(E), R.S. 4:158.2(A)(2) and 193(B), R.S. 9:2720(D), R.S. 11:3390 and 3662, R.S. 13:1856(A)(1) and 1857(A)(8)(d)(ii) and (iii), R.S. 14:107.2(A), R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(c)(i), 832(A), 905(F)(13)(b) and (14)(a)(ii) and (d)(ii), 933(D)(4) and (E)(1)(intro. para.), 934(B)(4), 1110(D)(3), 1204.2(B)(4), and 1228.9(D)(1)(a), R.S. 17:17.5(B)(2), 100.13(G)(2)(f) and (J), 221.3(B)(2)(d), 416(M), 416.21(N)(3)(a) and (b)(i)(aa) and (bb), 1519.7(C), 1871(A)(3), 1998, 3047.7(B)(2)(a), 3351(B)(2)(b)(ii), 3399.12(5)(i), 3911(B)(1)(i)(intro. para.) and (4)(a)(intro. para.), 3991(A)(1)(b)(iv) and (B)(3), and 5067(B)(7), R.S. 22:1204(A)(10)(b), 1504(1), 1545(I)(1)(intro. para.) and (J), 1808.2(H), 2161(B), 2187(D)(4), and 2503(9)(b)(intro. para.), R.S. 23:2043(B)(1), R.S. 27:46(B), R.S. 32:398.10(A)(2) and 429.3, R.S. 33:130.302(A)(2), 130.882(A)(2), 363(D), 2740.70.3(B)(2), 4071(A)(6), and 4720.301(G)(2), R.S. 36:108(B)(5), R.S. 37:832(A)(2), 914(B)(3), 962(C), 1042(B)(1)(b), 1104(A), 1172(A), 2102(A)(2), 2353(A)(2), 2403(H), 2407(D), 2455(B)(1), 2704(A)(intro. para.), 3061(A)(2)(c), 3084(B)(2), 3201(B)(2), 3386.2(C), 3389(C), 3444(A), 3463(B)(1), 3554(A)(2), and 3703(B)(3), R.S. 40:31.61, 101(D)(1), 600.151(D)(1)(I)(ii)(hh) and (m)(iv) and 2403(H)(1), R.S. 42:2.1(A) and 1132(B)(1)(a), (b), and (c), R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1), 288.5(1), 460.37(B)(10), 1095(A), and 1941.8(A)(intro. para.), R.S. 47:337.14(E)(2) and 1702(6), R.S. 48:2134(C)(intro. para.), R.S. 49:1112(B)(1), R.S. 51:942(A), R.S. 56:108(A) and 1705(C), and Section 2 of Act 656 of the 2024 R.S.)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.