

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 589 by Representative Abramson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "1979" and before "and" insert "and R.S. 28:69(A)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 17, after the semicolon and before "and" insert "to require notice of hearing  
5 to certain persons;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 11, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

8 "Section 3. R.S. 28:69(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §69. Procedure

10 A.(1) Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall assign a time and  
11 place for a hearing, which may be conducted before any judge in the judicial  
12 district, within five days, and shall cause reasonable notice thereof and a  
13 copy of the petition to be served upon the respondent, respondent's attorney,  
14 the petitioner and the director of the human service district or the regional  
15 manager of the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of behavioral  
16 health, in the parish where the petition has been filed. The notice shall  
17 inform the respondent that he has a right to be present, a right to counsel,  
18 which may be appointed, if he is indigent or otherwise qualified, has the right  
19 to counsel appointed to represent him by the Mental Health Advocacy  
20 Service, and a right to cross examine witnesses. Continuances shall be  
21 granted only for good cause shown.

22 (2) In addition to those persons entitled to notice pursuant to  
23 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if the respondent is interdicted, notice of the  
24 hearing and a copy of the petition shall be served upon the attorney from the  
25 mental health advocacy group appointed for the interdict or on a previously  
26 appointed attorney of record for the interdict.

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28 AMENDMENT NO. 4

29 On page 11, at the beginning of line 25, change "Section 3" to "Section 4"