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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

WILLS/TESTAMENTS: Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the feasibility of creating a central database for testaments

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make
3 recommendations relative to the feasibility of creating a central database for
4 testaments and to report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana
5 Legislature no later than January 1, 2015.

6 WHEREAS, executing a testament is one of the most important aspects of estate
7 planning; and

8 WHEREAS, a testament is crucial to the orderly handling of a person's estate, not
9 only for financial matters, but also for personal matters such as tutorship and the caring for
10 the family of the testator; and

11 WHEREAS, properly executed testaments are occasionally misplaced or even
12 improperly concealed or destroyed in order to subvert the decisions of the testator as to his
13 estate; and

14 WHEREAS, in order to alert interested parties that a testament has been executed and
15 to deter the improper concealment or destruction of a testament, it may be beneficial to
16 establish a voluntary central database to store testaments, the contents of a testament, or
17 information noting the existence of a testament; and

18 WHEREAS, a central database could be created within the office of the secretary of
19 state or the clerk of court for the parish in which the testator is domiciled.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations

1 relative to the feasibility of creating a central database for testaments and that it report its
2 findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature no later than January 1, 2015.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

DIGEST

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