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## DIGEST

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HB No. 623

**Abstract:** Provides for the contingent consent by the parties litigant to the appointment of a special master.

Present law provides that pursuant to the inherent judicial power of the court and upon its own motion and with the consent of all parties litigant, the court may enter an order appointing a special master in any civil action wherein complicated legal or factual issues are presented or wherein exceptional circumstances of the case warrant such appointment.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the consent of the parties litigant may be contingent upon an estimate of the amount of the compensation of the special master, the identity of the special master, and the court's anticipated specifications of the powers of the special master.

Present law provides that the master's compensation shall be reasonable, fixed by the court and taxed as costs of court.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the compensation shall be subject to approval by the parties litigant as provided by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 13:4165(A) and (D))