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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

JOINT RULES: Provides relative to bills that contain only technical amendments to provisions of law

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To adopt Joint Rule No. 11 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives  
3 to require certain legislative instruments to contain specified language.

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that Joint Rule No. 11 of the  
5 Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives is hereby adopted to read as follows:

6 Joint Rule No. 11. Technical bills

7 A. No bill that purports to only make technical changes to a law or a system  
8 of laws shall be introduced or received unless the bill contains the language specified  
9 in Paragraph C of this Rule.

10 B. No bill whose author or handler describes as only making technical  
11 changes shall be reported by a committee or finally passed by either house unless the  
12 bill contains the language specified in Paragraph C of this Rule.

13 C. Each bill which only makes technical changes shall contain the following  
14 language:

15 "The legislature declares the provisions of this Act to be technical in nature  
16 exclusively and without exception. It is not the intent of the Legislature of Louisiana  
17 that the provisions of this Act alter or affect in any way the substance, interpretation,  
18 or application of any existing law or administrative rule.

19 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to expand or diminish any rights,  
20 duties, or responsibilities of any person, agency, or instrumentality of the state,  
21 private organization, or other entity provided in existing law or administrative rule."

- 1           D. For purposes of this Joint Rule the term "technical changes" shall mean  
2           changes that do not alter or affect in any way the substance, interpretation, or  
3           application of any existing law or administrative rule and include the following:
- 4           (1) Renumber and rearrange sections or parts of sections.  
5           (2) Transfer sections or divide sections so as to give to distinct subject  
6           matters a separate section number, but without changing the meaning.  
7           (3) Insert or change the wording of section headings.  
8           (4) Change reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters or  
9           sections.  
10          (5) Substitute the proper section or chapter number for the terms "this Act",  
11          "the preceding section", and the like.  
12          (6) Strike out figures where they are merely a repetition of written words and  
13          vice-versa.  
14          (7) Change capitalization for the purpose of uniformity.  
15          (8) Correct manifest typographical and grammatical errors.  
16          (9) Make any other purely formal or clerical changes in keeping with the  
17          purpose of the proposed revision.

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#### DIGEST

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Proposed Joint Rule prohibits a bill that purports to make technical changes to a system of laws from being introduced or received unless the bill contains specified language regarding the intent and construction of proposed law. Proposed Joint Rule prohibits a bill whose author or handler describes as only making technical changes from being reported by a committee or finally passed by either house unless the bill contains specified language regarding the intent and construction of proposed law. Proposed Joint Rule provides that the term "technical changes" means changes that do not alter or affect in any way the substance, interpretation, or application of any existing law or administrative rule, and provides a list of what is included.

(Adds Joint Rule No. 11)