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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill No. 423 by Senator Allain

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, delete "to allow for the" and delete lines 5 through 8 and insert "to provide  
3 for a dispute assessment meeting; to provide certain procedures, terms, conditions, and  
4 effects;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 2, line 2, delete "Upon" and insert "Within sixty days of"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 2, line 4, after "R.S. 30:29," delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5  
9 through 29, and insert:

10 "a dispute assessment meeting shall be held in which all of the parties and  
11 principals who are authorized to make decisions regarding settlement shall  
12 discuss all of the issues involved in the litigation and any other matters needed  
13 to evaluate the claim. The parties or principals who are authorized to make  
14 decisions regarding settlement may attend the meeting by use of telephone  
15 conference call, videoconferencing, or other similar telecommunication  
16 methods.

17 C. If the litigation is removed to federal court and then remanded back  
18 to state court, the dispute assessment meeting shall be held within sixty days  
19 from the date of the order of remand.

20 D. Prior to trial, any case governed by the provisions of R.S. 30:29 shall  
21 be referred to mediation in accordance with the Louisiana Mediation Act."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 4

23 Delete page 3 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 6