

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 624

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Evidence Article 702, relative to expert testimony; to provide
3 certain criteria for expert testimony; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 702 is hereby amended and reenacted to read
6 as follows:

7 Art. 702. Testimony by experts

8 ~~If scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will assist the trier of~~
9 ~~fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as~~
10 ~~an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, may testify thereto~~
11 ~~in the form of an opinion or otherwise.~~ A witness who is qualified as an expert by
12 knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify in the form of an
13 opinion or otherwise if:

14 (1) The expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will
15 help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue;

16 (2) The testimony is based on sufficient facts or data;

17 (3) The testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods; and

18 (4) The expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of
19 the case.

1 Section 2. No change in law or result in a ruling on evidence admissibility shall be
2 presumed or is intended by the Legislature of Louisiana by the passage of this Act.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____