

ACT No. 521

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 623

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4165(A) and (D) and to enact R.S. 13:4165(E), relative to the
3 appointment of special masters; to provide for contingent consent of the parties
4 litigant; to provide for the compensation of the special master; to provide relative to
5 the authority and procedure to appoint a special master; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:4165(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 13:4165(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §4165. Special masters; appointment; duties and powers; compensation

11 A. Pursuant to the inherent judicial power of the court and upon its own
12 motion and with the consent of all parties litigant, the court may enter an order
13 appointing a special master in any civil action wherein complicated legal or factual
14 issues are presented or wherein exceptional circumstances of the case warrant such
15 appointment. The consent of the parties litigant may be contingent upon any of the
16 following:

17 (1) An estimate of the amount of the compensation of the special master.

18 (2) The identity of the special master.

19 (3) The court's anticipated specifications of the powers of the special master
20 as defined by Subsection B of this Section.

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22 D. The master's compensation shall be reasonable, fixed by the court as
23 limited by Subsection A of this Section, and taxed as costs of court.

1 E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including
2 Code of Evidence Article 706, the provisions of this Section shall provide the sole
3 authority and procedure for the appointment, duties, powers, and compensation of
4 a special master.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____