

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 221

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

WILLS/TESTAMENTS. Provides for separate writing identifying bequest of corporeal movable property. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 9:2451, relative to separate writings identifying bequests of corporeal movable
3 property; to provide certain terms, conditions, procedures, requirements, and effects;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:2451 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§2451. Separate writing identifying bequests of corporeal movable property**

8 **A. A written statement or list referred to in the decedent's testament or**
9 **any codicil thereto shall bequeath items of corporeal movable property other**
10 **than vehicles, money, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or property used in**
11 **a trade or business, not otherwise specifically bequeathed in the testament or**
12 **codicil.**

13 **B. To be admissible under this Section as evidence of an intended**
14 **bequest, the writing shall be signed by the decedent and shall describe the items**
15 **and the bequests with reasonable certainty. The writing may be prepared before**
16 **or after the execution of the testament or codicil, may be altered by the decedent**
17 **after its preparation, and may have no significance apart from its effect upon**

1 **the bequests made by testament or codicil.**
2 **C. If more than one otherwise effective writing exists, then, to the extent**
3 **of any conflict between or among the writings, the provisions of the most recent**
4 **writing shall revoke the inconsistent provisions of each prior writing.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ben Huxen.

DIGEST

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Proposed law allows items of corporeal movable property other than vehicles, money, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or property used in a trade or business, not otherwise specifically bequeathed in the testament or codicil, to be bequeathed via a written statement or list referred to in the decedent's testament or any codicil thereto.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 9:2451)