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**BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.S.  
24:204(A)(10) RELATIVE TO UNCONSTITUTIONAL STATUTES**

Pursuant to Acts 2014, No. 598, which enacted R.S. 24:204(A)(10), it shall be the duty of the Louisiana State Law Institute “[t]o make recommendations to the legislature on a biennial basis for the repeal, removal or revision of provisions of law that have been declared unconstitutional by final and definitive court judgment.” In light of this biennial reporting requirement, the Louisiana State Law Institute formed the Unconstitutional Statutes Committee, now called the Constitutional Laws Committee, which was placed under the direction of Mr. Charles S. Weems, III as Reporter and is comprised of the following members:

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The Committee submitted its initial report to the legislature in March of 2016 and has continued to consider provisions of Louisiana law that have been declared or recognized as unconstitutional but have nevertheless remained “on the books,” either in the same form or in an amended form that may still be considered unconstitutional. The Committee’s second biennial report to the legislature is divided into two categories: laws that were not included in the initial report, including provisions declared unconstitutional since its submission; and laws that were included in the initial report but have not yet been addressed by the legislature. Within each of these categories, the provisions are then organized by body of law: first, those provisions appearing in the Constitution; then, the articles of any Code; and finally, the Revised Statutes. The Committee also considered provisions of Louisiana law that have been declared or recognized as preempted by federal law, which appear after those that have been declared or recognized as unconstitutional.

In cases where a specific Paragraph or Section of law was declared unconstitutional, only that Paragraph or Section is provided, rather than the entire article or statute. In cases where a prior version of an article or statute was declared unconstitutional, and the provision was later amended, the differences between the prior and current versions of the article or statute are provided, as well as an indication as to whether the issue of unconstitutionality was resolved by the amendment. Although the majority of these provisions were declared unconstitutional directly by the Louisiana Supreme Court or the Supreme Court of the United States, there are some instances in which a lower court made the declaration of unconstitutionality. The Committee has noted those instances (where writs were denied or an appeal was never sought, for example) in this report.

In light of the court-declared or court-recognized unconstitutional or preempted nature of all of these provisions of Louisiana law, the Committee decided to present its recommendation to the legislature in varying forms. In some cases, the Committee felt confident in its ability to make a definitive recommendation to repeal, remove, or revise these provisions as provided in R.S. 24:204(A)(10). In other cases, the Committee concluded that a more in-depth, substantive study of the implications of such a recommendation would be required, and does not make a current recommendation pending that further study. Additionally, there were some provisions with respect to which the Committee decided it would be best to provide the legislature with two or more alternative recommendations.

Finally, for completeness and reference, the Committee decided to provide two appendices with its report. Appendix A compiles laws declared or recognized as unconstitutional that were not included in the Committee's initial report but that have been addressed by the legislature. Appendix B includes laws declared or recognized as unconstitutional that were included in the Committee's initial report and that subsequently have been addressed by the legislature.

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The provisions of Louisiana law set forth on the following pages have been declared or recognized by court judgment either as unconstitutional or preempted, but have nevertheless remained "on the books" in their unconstitutional form or in a form that is not free from question. Also included below are the Committee's recommendations to the legislature with respect to each of these provisions.

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1 element of the amendment procedure in the context of the stipulated facts; *i.e.*, that the electors did  
2 not vote on the proposed amendment to La. Const. art. I, § 10 in the form or with the full language  
3 that was passed by the legislature because a lawfully adopted amendment (the Green amendment)  
4 to the joint resolution was erroneously dropped from that resolution in the process of enrolling the  
5 bill. Drawing on the provisions of La. Const. art. XIII, § 1, the district court reasoned as follows. .  
6 . . If the proposed amendment is presented to the voters in a form that is not coextensive with what  
7 the legislature intended, then the assent of two-thirds of the Legislature is lacking. In other words,  
8 to pass muster under La. Const. art. XIII, § 1, what the legislature passes and what is submitted to  
9 the voters for approval must be the same. Because, in this case, “the voters did not vote on what  
10 was passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 1997,” the district court declared the 1998 amendment  
11 to Const. art. I, § 10 unconstitutional. . . . In this case, we have a clear and affirmative showing, in  
12 the form of a stipulation (which the parties appropriately made given the facts and circumstances),  
13 that the enactment process did not conform with the constitutional requirements for promulgation  
14 of an amendment to the Constitution. Under these circumstances, and for the foregoing reasons,  
15 we find the district court was correct in declaring the 1998 amendment to La. Const. art. I, § 10 null  
16 and void. . . . For the reasons assigned, therefore, we find that 1997 La. Acts 1492, which attempted  
17 to amend La. Const. art. I, § 10, is null and void because it was not constitutionally adopted, and  
18 we affirm the decision below.”

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20 The Green amendments provided as follows:

21  
22 **Article I, Section 10. Right to Vote; Disqualification from Seeking or Holding an**  
23 **Elective Office**

24  
25 \* \* \*

26  
27 (C) ~~Exception.~~ **Exceptions. (1)** Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (B) of  
28 this Section, a person who desires to qualify as a candidate for or hold an elective office,  
29 who has been convicted of a felony **for which the person was incarcerated** and who has  
30 served his sentence, but has not been pardoned for such felony, shall be permitted to qualify  
31 as a candidate for or hold such office if the date of his qualifying for such office is more  
32 than fifteen years after the date of the completion of his original sentence.

33  
34 **(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (B) of this Section, a person**  
35 **who desires to qualify as a candidate for or hold an elective office, who has been**  
36 **convicted of a felony for which the person was not incarcerated but who received**  
37 **probation for such felony shall be permitted to qualify as a candidate for or hold such**  
38 **office after successful completion of the probation period.**

39  
40 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature submit to the voters a proposal to repeal  
41 existing Paragraphs B and C and to amend and reenact Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of  
42 Louisiana to incorporate the language of both Acts 1997, No. 1492 and the Green amendments to  
43 read as follows:  
44



1 **Article I, Section 10. Right to Vote; Disqualification from Seeking or Holding an**  
2 **Elective Office**

3  
4 Section 10.(A) Right to Vote. Every citizen of the state, upon reaching eighteen  
5 years of age, shall have the right to register and vote, except that this right may be  
6 suspended while a person is interdicted and judicially declared mentally incompetent or is  
7 under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.  
8

9 **(B) Disqualification. The following persons shall not be permitted to qualify as**  
10 **a candidate for elective public office or take public elective office or appointment of**  
11 **honor, trust, or profit in this state:**  
12

13 **(1) A person who has been convicted within this state of a felony and who has**  
14 **exhausted all legal remedies, or who has been convicted under the laws of any other**  
15 **state or of the United States or of any foreign government or country of a crime which,**  
16 **if committed in this state, would be a felony and who has exhausted all legal remedies**  
17 **and has not afterwards been pardoned either by the governor of this state or by the**  
18 **officer of the state, nation, government or country having such authority to pardon**  
19 **in the place where the person was convicted and sentenced.**  
20

21 **(2) A person actually under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a**  
22 **felony.**  
23

24 **(C) Exception. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (B) of this**  
25 **Section, a person who desires to qualify as a candidate for or hold an elective office,**  
26 **who has been convicted of a felony for which the person was incarcerated and who**  
27 **has served his sentence, but has not been pardoned for such felony, shall be permitted**  
28 **to qualify as a candidate for or hold such office if the date of his qualifying for such**  
29 **office is more than fifteen years after the date of the completion of his original**  
30 **sentence.**  
31

32 **(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (B) of this Section, a person**  
33 **who desires to qualify as a candidate for or hold an elective office, who has been**  
34 **convicted of a felony for which the person was not incarcerated but who received**  
35 **probation for such felony shall be permitted to qualify as a candidate for or hold such**  
36 **office after successful completion of the probation period.**  
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1 Code of Criminal Procedure

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3 **Article 795. Time for challenges; method; peremptory challenges based on race or gender;**  
4 **restrictions**

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6 \* \* \*

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8 C. No peremptory challenge made by the state or the defendant shall be based solely upon  
9 the race or gender of the juror. If an objection is made that the state or defense has excluded a  
10 juror solely on the basis of race or gender, and a prima facie case supporting that objection is made  
11 by the objecting party, the court may demand a satisfactory race or gender neutral reason for the  
12 exercise of the challenge, unless the court is satisfied that such reason is apparent from the voir  
13 dire examination of the juror. Such demand and disclosure, if required by the court, shall be made  
14 outside of the hearing of any juror or prospective juror.

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16 \* \* \*

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18 Validity called into doubt by *State v. Crawford*, 218 So. 3d 13 (La. 2016): “Upon a *prima*  
19 *facie* showing by the opponent of a strike, Batson and its progeny require the proponent of a  
20 peremptory challenge to offer a race-neutral explanation for striking a potential juror. Louisiana  
21 C.Cr.P. art. 795(C) seems to afford the trial court discretion in this regard: “the court **may**  
22 **demand** a satisfactory race or gender neutral reason for the exercise of the challenge, **unless the**  
23 **court is satisfied that such reason is apparent from the voir dire examination of the juror.**”  
24 (Emphasis added.) . . . Although defendant has not asked nor does this court here purport to decide  
25 the constitutionality of the last clause beginning with the word “unless” of La. C.Cr.P. art.  
26 795(C) *per se*, the continued scrutiny given to that article should not go unnoticed by the bench  
27 and bar of this state. Speculation by a trial court as to what the state’s reasons might have been for  
28 striking potential jurors, may, if the record is sufficiently clear on all three steps of the Batson test,  
29 be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Batson. *Elie* was such a case. However, nothing  
30 in *Elie* counseled that having the trial court supply reasons for the prosecution’s peremptory strikes  
31 was a sound practice. This practice does not conform with Batson and its progeny, which mandate  
32 that the state provide race-neutral reasons for the challenge even where those reasons are apparent  
33 from the *voir dire* examination. Clearly, the procedure outlined in La. C.Cr.P. art. 795(C) must  
34 yield to the demands of the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution (as recognized in the  
35 evolving Batson jurisprudence). Therefore, the trial court’s failure to call on the state in this case  
36 to provide race-neutral reasons upon its initial finding that a *prima facie* showing had been made  
37 resulted in a violation of defendant’s and the potential jurors’ equal protection rights and  
38 defendant’s right to a fair trial.”

39  
40 Constitutionality also called into doubt by *Snyder v. Louisiana*, 552 U.S. 472 (2008): “Petitioner .  
41 . . . asks us to review a decision of the Louisiana Supreme Court rejecting his claim that the  
42 prosecution exercised some of its peremptory jury challenges based on race, in violation of *Batson*  
43 *v. Kentucky*, 476 U.S. 79, 106 S.Ct. 1712, 90 L.Ed.2d 69 (1986). We hold that the trial court  
44 committed clear error in its ruling on a *Batson* objection, and we therefore reverse. . . . As  
45 previously noted, the question presented at the third stage of the *Batson* inquiry is “ ‘whether the  
46 defendant has shown purposeful discrimination.’ . . . As previously noted, the question presented

1 at the third stage of the *Batson* inquiry is “ ‘whether the defendant has shown purposeful  
2 discrimination.’ . . . For present purposes, it is enough to recognize that a peremptory strike shown  
3 to have been motivated in substantial part by discriminatory intent could not be sustained based  
4 on any lesser showing by the prosecution. . . . For present purposes, it is enough to recognize that  
5 a peremptory strike shown to have been motivated in substantial part by discriminatory intent  
6 could not be sustained based on any lesser showing by the prosecution. . . . We therefore reverse  
7 the judgment of the Louisiana Supreme Court and remand the case for further proceedings not  
8 inconsistent with this opinion.”  
9

10 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
11 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature amend Article 795(C) to read as  
12 follows:  
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15  
16 C. No peremptory challenge made by the state or the defendant shall be ~~based~~  
17 ~~solely upon~~ **motivated in substantial part on the basis of** the race or gender of the  
18 juror. If an objection is made that ~~the state or defense has excluded a juror solely a~~  
19 ~~challenge was motivated in substantial part~~ **challenge was motivated in substantial part** on the basis of race or gender, and a prima  
20 facie case supporting that objection is made by the objecting party, the court ~~may shall~~  
21 demand a satisfactory race or gender neutral reason for the exercise of the challenge, ~~unless~~  
22 ~~the court is satisfied that such reason is apparent from the voir dire examination of~~  
23 ~~the juror.~~ Such demand and disclosure, ~~if required by the court,~~ shall be made outside  
24 of the hearing of any juror or prospective juror. **The court shall then determine whether**  
25 **the challenge was motivated in substantial part on the basis of race or gender.**  
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29 The legislature may also wish to include information in the digest of the bill providing that  
30 the amendment to this Article is intended to be consistent with United States Supreme Court  
31 opinions on this subject, such as *Snyder v. Louisiana*, 552 U.S. 472 (2008), and *Foster v. Chatman*,  
32 136 S. Ct. 1737 (2016), as well as Louisiana Supreme Court opinions, such as *State v. Elie*, 936  
33 So. 2d 791 (2006), and *State v. Crawford*, 218 So. 3d 13 (2016).  
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37 **Revised Statutes**  
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39 **R.S. 14:91.5. Unlawful use of a social networking website**  
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41 A. The following shall constitute unlawful use of a social networking website:  
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43 (1) The intentional use of a social networking website by a person who is required to  
44 register as a sex offender and who was convicted of R.S. 14:81 (indecent behavior with juveniles),  
45 R.S. 14:81.1 (pornography involving juveniles), R.S. 14:81.3 (computer-aided solicitation of a

1 minor), or R.S. 14:283 (video voyeurism) or was convicted of a sex offense as defined in R.S.  
2 15:541 in which the victim of the sex offense was a minor.

3  
4 (2) The provisions of this Section shall also apply to any person convicted for an offense  
5 under the laws of another state, or military, territorial, foreign, tribal, or federal law which is  
6 equivalent to the offenses provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, unless the tribal court  
7 or foreign conviction was not obtained with sufficient safeguards for fundamental fairness and due  
8 process for the accused as provided by the federal guidelines adopted pursuant to the Adam Walsh  
9 Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

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11 B. For purposes of this Section:

12  
13 (1) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years.

14  
15 (2)(a) "Social networking website" means an Internet website, the primary purpose of  
16 which is facilitating social interaction with other users of the website and has all of the following  
17 capabilities:

18  
19 (i) Allows users to create web pages or profiles about themselves that are available to the  
20 general public or to any other users.

21  
22 (ii) Offers a mechanism for communication among users.

23  
24 (b) "Social networking website" shall not include any of the following:

25  
26 (i) An Internet website that provides only one of the following services: photo-sharing,  
27 electronic mail, or instant messaging.

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29 (ii) An Internet website the primary purpose of which is the facilitation of commercial  
30 transactions involving goods or services between its members or visitors.

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32 (iii) An Internet website the primary purpose of which is the dissemination of news.

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34 (iv) An Internet website of a governmental entity.

35  
36 (3) "Use" shall mean to create a profile on a social networking website or to contact or  
37 attempt to contact other users of the social networking website.

38  
39 C.(1) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of a social networking website shall,  
40 upon a first conviction, be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and shall be imprisoned with  
41 hard labor for not more than ten years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of  
42 sentence.

43  
44 (2) Whoever commits the crime of unlawful use of a social networking website, upon a  
45 second or subsequent conviction, shall be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars and shall

1 be imprisoned with hard labor for not less than five years nor more than twenty years without  
2 benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

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4 Prior version held unconstitutional by *Doe v. Jindal*, 853 F. Supp. 2d 596, 601, 607: “The issues  
5 presently before the Court are: (1) whether the Plaintiffs have standing to challenge the Act; (2)  
6 whether the Act is overbroad and, therefore, violates Plaintiffs' First Amendment rights; (3)  
7 whether the Act is void and unenforceable because it is unconstitutionally vague; and (4) if the  
8 Court finds that the Act violates Plaintiffs' First Amendment rights, whether the Act's  
9 constitutional deficiency is cured by the promulgation of a regulation intended to limit construction  
10 and applicability of the legislation. . . . Although the Act is intended to promote the legitimate and  
11 compelling state interest of protecting minors from internet predators, the near total ban on internet  
12 access imposed by the Act unreasonably restricts many ordinary activities that have become  
13 important to everyday life in today's world. The sweeping restrictions on the use of the internet for  
14 purposes completely unrelated to the activities sought to be banned by the Act impose severe and  
15 unwarranted restraints on constitutionally protected speech. More focused restrictions that are  
16 narrowly tailored to address the specific conduct sought to be proscribed should be pursued. For  
17 all of the foregoing reasons, the Court concludes that the Act is unconstitutionally overbroad and  
18 void for vagueness.”

19  
20 At the time this case was decided, R.S. 14:91.5 provided for the “unlawful use or access of social  
21 media,” which included “the using or accessing of social networking websites, chat rooms, and  
22 peer-to-peer networks by a person who is required to register as a sex offender” and was drafted  
23 to specifically include offenders who were *previously* convicted of the crimes set forth under  
24 Paragraph (A)(1), including sex offenses in which the victim was a minor. The provision went on  
25 to provide that “[t]he use or access of social medial shall not be considered unlawful for purposes  
26 of this Section if the offender has permission to use or access social networking websites, chat  
27 rooms, or peer-to-peer networks from his probation or parole officer or the court of original  
28 jurisdiction.” The provision also provided definitions for the terms “chat room,” “peer-to-peer  
29 network,” and “social networking website,” which was defined as an internet website that has “any  
30 of the following capabilities (emphasis added),” including offering “a mechanism for  
31 communication among users, such as a forum, chat room, electronic mail, or instant messaging.”

32  
33 Immediately after this case was decided, during the 2012 Regular Session, the legislature amended  
34 R.S. 14:91.5 to remove both the reference to previous convictions and the exception concerning  
35 permission from probation or parole officers or from the court. The amended provision now  
36 provides for the “unlawful use of a social networking website,” which requires “the intentional use  
37 of a social networking website.” The amended provision also exempts certain websites from the  
38 definition of “social networking website” for its purposes and defines “use” as “to create a profile  
39 on a social networking website or to contact or attempt to contact other users of the social  
40 networking website.”

41  
42 Nevertheless, in *State v. Mabens*, No. 2016-K-0975 (La. App. 4 Cir. 2016), the Fourth Circuit  
43 granted a supervisory writ application and ultimately declared R.S. 14:91.5 unconstitutional. The  
44 Fourth Circuit explained that it had previously stayed this writ application in light of the United  
45 States Supreme Court’s grant of certiorari in *Packingham v. North Carolina*, 2017 WL 2621313  
46 (2017), wherein the Supreme Court ultimately held that a North Carolina statute similar to R.S.

1 14:91.5 was unconstitutional. After summarizing the Supreme Court’s analysis in the *Packingham*  
2 case, including that the North Carolina statute was “a prohibition unprecedented in the scope of  
3 First Amendment speech it burdens” and that “to foreclose access to social media altogether is to  
4 prevent the user from engaging in the legitimate exercise of First Amendment rights,” the Fourth  
5 Circuit provided as follows: “We see no material difference between the North Carolina statute at  
6 issue in *Packingham* and the statute at issue in this writ application, La. R.S. 14:95.1 [*sic*].  
7 Accordingly, and pursuant to the clear language and rationale of the *Packingham* decision, we find  
8 La. R.S. 14:95.1 [*sic*] to be unconstitutional.”  
9

10 As cited by the Fourth Circuit in *Mabens*, the United States Supreme Court in *Packingham*  
11 provided that its opinion “should not be interpreted as barring a State from enacting more specific  
12 laws than the one at issue” and also that “[t]hough the issue is not before the Court, it can be  
13 assumed that the First Amendment permits a State to enact specific, narrowly tailored laws that  
14 prohibit a sex offender from engaging in conduct that often presages a sexual crime, like contacting  
15 a minor or using a website to gather information about a minor.”  
16

17 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
18 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 14:91.5 in its entirety,  
19 unless it wishes to reenact a provision that specifically and narrowly prohibits a sex offender from  
20 engaging in conduct that often presages a sexual crime in accordance with the United States  
21 Supreme Court’s decision in *Packingham v. North Carolina*.  
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25 **R.S. 14:106. Obscenity**  
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27 A. The crime of obscenity is the intentional:  
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29 \* \* \*  
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31 (2)(a) Participation or engagement in, or management, operation, production, presentation,  
32 performance, promotion, exhibition, advertisement, sponsorship, electronic communication, or  
33 display of, hard core sexual conduct when the trier of fact determines that the average person  
34 applying contemporary community standards would find that the conduct, taken as a whole,  
35 appeals to the prurient interest; and the hard core sexual conduct, as specifically defined herein, is  
36 presented in a patently offensive way; and the conduct taken as a whole lacks serious literary,  
37 artistic, political, or scientific value.  
38

39 (b) Hard core sexual conduct is the public portrayal, for its own sake, and for ensuing  
40 commercial gain of:  
41

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44 (iii) Sadoomasochistic abuse, meaning actual, simulated or animated, flagellation, or torture  
45 by or upon a person who is nude or clad in undergarments or in a costume that reveals the pubic  
46 hair, anus, vulva, genitals, or female breast nipples, or in the condition of being fettered, bound, or  
otherwise physically restrained, on the part of one so clothed; or

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3 (3)(a) Sale, allocation, consignment, distribution, dissemination, advertisement,  
4 exhibition, electronic communication, or display of obscene material, or the preparation,  
5 manufacture, publication, electronic communication, or printing of obscene material for sale,  
6 allocation, consignment, distribution, advertisement, exhibition, electronic communication, or  
7 display.

8  
9 (b) Obscene material is any tangible work or thing which the trier of fact determines that  
10 the average person applying contemporary community standards would find, taken as a whole,  
11 appeals to the prurient interest, and which depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, hard  
12 core sexual conduct specifically defined in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, and the work or thing  
13 taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

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16  
17 **(6) Advertisement, exhibition, electronic communication, or display of sexually**  
18 **violent material. "Violent material" is any tangible work or thing which the trier of facts**  
19 **determines depicts actual or simulated patently offensive acts of violence, including but not**  
20 **limited to, acts depicting sadistic conduct, whippings, beatings, torture, and mutilation of the**  
21 **human body, as described in Item (2)(b)(iii) of this Subsection.**

22 \* \* \*

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24  
25 Held unconstitutional in *State v. Russland Enterprises*, 555 So. 2d 1365 (La. 1990): The state  
26 argues that *Miller* never intended to require the use of the term “contemporary community  
27 standards” in all obscenity statutes. While we agree the exact words “contemporary community  
28 standards” need not be used in the statute, we find the constitution requires at a minimum that  
29 obscene material be judged by a community standard. . . . In any event, we note that the legislature  
30 has in fact incorporated the term contemporary community standards, either explicitly or by  
31 reference, into every section of La.R.S. 14:106(A) except paragraphs 1 and 6. . . . The state's final  
32 argument is that La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6)'s reference to La.R.S. 14:106(A)(2)(b)(iii) somehow  
33 incorporates the contemporary community standards language found in La.R.S. 14:106(A)(2). . . .  
34 Although La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6) does make reference to sub-subparagraph (b)(iii) of La.R.S.  
35 14:106(A)(2), its language clearly shows that the legislature intended only to incorporate the  
36 definition of sadomasochistic abuse contained in sub-subparagraph (b)(iii) and not the entirety  
37 of La.R.S. 14:106(A)(2). . . . We therefore hold that La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6)'s failure to mention  
38 contemporary community standards is fatal to its validity under *Miller, supra*. . . . The facial  
39 unconstitutionality La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6) does not necessarily render the entire obscenity statute  
40 unconstitutional. This court may strike only the offending portion and leave the remainder intact.  
41 In the present case, we find this test is satisfied. La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6) adds little, if anything, to  
42 the statute and its severance does no violence to the legislative intent in passing the statute. Clearly,  
43 any conduct regulated by La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6) is also regulated by La.R.S. 14:106(A)(3). Perhaps  
44 prior to *Johnson, supra*, the statute purported to regulate a broader scope of conduct. However, as  
45 a result of the post-*Johnson* amendments, there is little doubt that La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6) is simply  
46 surplusage to the rest of the statute. We therefore hold La.R.S. 14:106(A)(6) is severable.”

1 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Repeal R.S.  
2 14:106(A)(6) in its entirety and direct the Law Institute to redesignate the remaining Paragraphs  
3 of Subsection A accordingly; or (2) Amend R.S. 14:106(A)(6) to incorporate the requisite  
4 “contemporary community standards” language as follows:  
5

6 (6) Advertisement, exhibition, electronic communication, or display of sexually  
7 violent material. "Violent material" is any tangible work or thing which the trier of facts  
8 determines **that the average person applying contemporary community standards**  
9 **would find, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest, and which** depicts actual  
10 or simulated patently offensive acts of violence, including but not limited to, acts depicting  
11 sadistic conduct, whippings, beatings, torture, and mutilation of the human body, as  
12 described in Item (2)(b)(iii) of this Subsection.  
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16 **R.S. 14:359. Definitions**

17 As used in R.S. 14:358-14:373:

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22 (4) A "Communist Front Organization" is any organization other than a communist action  
23 organization which is directed, controlled or dominated by a communist action organization or is  
24 primarily operated for the purpose of giving aid and support to a communist action organization,  
25 a Communist foreign government, or the world Communist movement referred to in R.S. 14:358.

26 \* \* \*

27  
28 (8) A "Subversive Organization" is any organization which advocates the overthrow or  
29 destruction of the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof by  
30 revolution, force, violence or other unlawful means, and performs or carries out as a function of  
31 the organization, known, agreed to, or knowingly performed by any of the officers of the  
32 organization, any affirmative act, including abetting, materially assisting, advising or teaching  
33 such overthrow or destruction, with the intent to incite action rather than engage in the mere  
34 exposition of theory.

35 \* \* \*

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38 **R.S. 14:368. Acts prohibited**

39 It shall be a felony for any person knowingly and wilfully to:

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41  
42 **1. Fail to register as required in R.S. 14:363, when required to so register by the terms**  
43 **of R.S. 14:358-14:373.**  
44



1           2. Fail as an officer of a communist action organization, a communist front organization,  
2 a communist infiltrated organization or a subversive organization to perform and carry out the  
3 obligations set forth and provided in R.S. 14:362.  
4

5           **3. File any false registration statement under the provisions of R.S. 14:362 and**  
6 **14:363.**  
7

8           4. Violate the provisions of R.S. 14:367 in regard to the labeling and dissemination of  
9 propaganda material.  
10

11 Prior versions held unconstitutional in *Dombrowski v. Pfister*, 380 U.S. 479, 493-98 (1965): “The  
12 statutory definition of ‘a subversive organization’ in s 359(5) incorporated in the offense created s  
13 364(4), is substantially identical to that of the Washington statute which we considered in *Baggett*  
14 *v. Bullitt*. There the definition was used in a state statute requiring state employees to take an oath  
15 as a condition of employment. We held that the definition, as well as the oath based thereon, denied  
16 due process because it was unduly vague, uncertain and broad. . . . Since s 364(4) is so intimately  
17 bound up with a definition invalid under the reasoning of *Baggett v. Bullitt*, we hold that it is  
18 invalid for the same reasons. We also find the registration requirement of s 364(7) invalid. That  
19 section creates an offense of failure to register as a member of a Communist-front organization ,  
20 and, under s 359(3), ‘the fact that an organization has been officially cited or identified by the  
21 Attorney General of the United States, the Subversive Activities Control Board of the United States  
22 or any Committee or Subcommittee of the United States Congress as a \* \* \* communist front  
23 organization \* \* \* shall be considered presumptive evidence of the factual status of any such  
24 organization.’ . . . It follows that s 364(7), resting on the invalid presumption, is unconstitutional  
25 on its face. . . . The record suffices, however, to permit this Court to hold that, without the benefit  
26 of limiting construction, the statutory provisions on which the indictments are founded are void on  
27 their face; until an acceptable limiting construction is obtained, the provisions cannot be applied  
28 to the activities of SCEF, whatever they may be. . . . The judgment of the District Court is reversed  
29 and the cause is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. These shall include  
30 prompt framing of a decree restraining prosecution of the pending indictments against the  
31 individual appellants, ordering immediate return of all papers and documents seized, and  
32 prohibiting further acts enforcing the sections of the Subversive Activities and Communist Control  
33 Law here found void on their face.”  
34

35           At the time this case was decided, R.S. 14:359(3) and (5) read as follows:

36           (3) “Communist Front Organization” shall, for the purpose of this act  
37 include any communist action organization, communist front organization,  
38 communist infiltrated organization or communist controlled organization and the  
39 fact that an organization has been officially cited or identified by the Attorney  
40 General of the United States, the Subversive Activities Control Board of the United  
41 States or any Committee or Subcommittee of the United States Congress as a  
42 communist organization, a communist action organization, a communist front  
43 organization, a communist infiltrated organization or has been in any other way  
44 officially cited or identified by any of these aforementioned authorities as a  
45 communist controlled organization, shall be considered presumptive evidence of  
46 the factual status of any such organization.

1 (5) "Subversive organization" means any organization with engages in or  
2 advocates, abets, advises, or teaches, or a purpose of which is to engage in or  
3 advocate, abet, advise, or teach activities intended to overthrow, destroy, or to assist  
4 in the overthrow or destruction of the constitutional form of the government of the  
5 state of Louisiana, or of any political subdivision thereof by revolution, force,  
6 violence or other unlawful means, or any other organization which seeks by  
7 unconstitutional or illegal means to overthrow or destroy the government of the  
8 state of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof and to establish in place  
9 thereof any form of government not responsible to the people of the state of  
10 Louisiana under the Constitution of the state of Louisiana.

11  
12 The provisions of R.S. 14:359 were amended by Acts 1965, No. 45, and the definitions of  
13 "communist front organization" and "subversive organization" are now provided in R.S. 14:359(4)  
14 and (8), respectively.

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16 Additionally, at the time this case was decided, R.S. 14:364(4) and (7) read as follows:

17 It shall be a felony for any person knowingly and willfully to:

18 \* \* \*

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22 (4) Assist in the formation or participate in the management or to contribute  
23 to the support of any subversive organization or foreign subversive organization  
24 knowing said organization to be a subversive organization or a foreign subversive  
25 organization.

26 \* \* \*

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28  
29 (7) Fail to register as required in R.S. 14:360 or to make any registration  
30 which contains any material false statement or omission.

31  
32 The provisions of R.S. 14:364 were amended by Acts 1965, No. 45, and the substance of former  
33 R.S. 14:364(7) seems to now be contained in R.S. 14:368(1) and (3). However, the substance of  
34 former R.S. 14:364(4) does not seem to be included in current law.

35  
36 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute's Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
37 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature repeal the Subversive Activities and  
38 Communist Control Law, R.S. 14:358 through 373, and the Communist Propaganda Control Law,  
39 R.S. 14:390 through 390.8, in their entirety.

1 **R.S. 18:1505.2. Contributions; expenditures; certain prohibitions and limitations**

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5 K.(1) During any four year calendar period commencing January 1, 1991 and every fourth  
6 year thereafter, no person shall contribute more than one hundred thousand dollars to any political  
7 committee or any subsidiary committee of such political committee, other than the principal or any  
8 subsidiary committee of a candidate. Such limitation on a contribution shall not apply to any  
9 contribution from a national political committee to an affiliated regional or state political  
10 committee.

11  
12 (2) During the time period provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, no political  
13 committee or subsidiary of such political committee, other than the principal or any subsidiary  
14 committee of a candidate, shall accept more than one hundred thousand dollars from any person.

15  
16 (3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to contributions made by a recognized  
17 political party or any committee thereof.

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19 \* \* \*

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21 Held unconstitutional by *Fund for Louisiana’s Future v. Louisiana Bd. of Ethics*, 17 F. Supp. 3d  
22 562 (E.D. La. 2014): “Assuming that FFLF is an independent expenditure-only committee,  
23 regardless of which level of scrutiny applies, La.R.S. 18:1505.2(K)'s contribution limit as applied  
24 to it violates the First Amendment. Defendants' contrary arguments wholly fail. “By definition,”  
25 independent expenditures are “political speech presented to the electorate that is not coordinated  
26 with a candidate” and, therefore, the State lacks any interest (anti-corruption or otherwise) in  
27 restricting contributions for independent expenditures. *See Citizens United*, 558 U.S. at 357, 360,  
28 130 S.Ct. 876. Donors have an absolute, unfettered First Amendment interest in contributing  
29 money to be used for independent purposes in politics, and the State simply has no  
30 legitimate interest in restricting such contributions. *See SpeechNow.org*, 599 F.3d at 694–95. In  
31 short, independent expenditure committees are sacrosanct under the First Amendment. . . . FFLF  
32 has carried its burden to prove entitlement to a permanent injunction, as well as entitlement to a  
33 declaration that La.R.S. 18:1505.2(K) is unconstitutional as applied to it, so long as it engages only  
34 in independent expenditures. The Court hereby declares that, as applied to FFLF, an independent  
35 expenditure-only committee, the contribution limit contained in La. R.S. 18:1505.2(K) is  
36 unconstitutional.”

37  
38 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the *Fund*  
39 *for Louisiana’s Future* decision, which declared Subsection K unconstitutional as applied to  
40 independent expenditure-only committees pursuant to the United States Supreme Court’s  
41 decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), and its  
42 progeny, at R.S. 18:1505.2 to assure consistent reporting.

1 **R.S. 33:1997. Penalty for violations**  
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3 A. No official or executive officer of any fire department or municipal, parish or fire  
4 protection district officer or fire board member affected by this Sub-part shall permit any violation  
5 of the provisions of this Sub-part.  
6

7 B. Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars for each  
8 offense, or imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than sixty days, or both. Each day the  
9 violation is permitted to occur constitutes a separate offense.  
10

11 Held unconstitutional by *City of Natchitoches v. State*, 221 So. 2d 534 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1969), *writ*  
12 *denied* by 223 So. 2d 870 (La. 1969): “A statute defining a crime and providing a penalty for its  
13 violation will be held to be unconstitutional in that it denies due process of law, if the offense is  
14 defined in language which is so ambiguous, vague or indefinite that the line between criminal and  
15 non-criminal conduct is obscure. Such a statute will be held to be unconstitutional where the  
16 language employed is of such vague and indefinite import that it might embrace many acts which  
17 could not possibly have any criminal character, and leaves the discrimination between these and  
18 others to arbitrary judicial discretion. A criminal statute, in order to be valid and enforceable, must  
19 define the offense so specifically and exactly that a person having ordinary understanding and  
20 intelligence will be able to determine from the language used whether his conduct is or is not  
21 denounced as an offense against the law. . . . Our conclusion is that LSA-R.S. 33:1997 is so vague  
22 and indefinite that it does not plainly and adequately set out a crime and it is not susceptible to a  
23 reasonable interpretation. This section of the Revised Statutes thus is unconstitutional, null or void,  
24 in that it violates the requirements of due process of law, as provided in Article 1, Section 2, of the  
25 Louisiana Constitution, and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States  
26 Constitution.”  
27

28 R.S. 33:1997 is located in Subpart B of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 dealing with minimum  
29 wages and maximum hours applicable to the fire department.  
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31 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 33:1997 in its entirety.  
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35 **R.S. 37:831. Definitions**  
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37 For purposes of this Chapter and implementation thereof, the following terms have the  
38 meaning as defined herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:  
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40 \* \* \*

41  
42 (42) "Funeral directing" means the operation of a funeral home, or, by way of illustration  
43 and not limitation, any service whatsoever connected with the management of funerals, or the  
44 supervision of hearses or funeral cars, **the purchase of caskets or other funeral merchandise,**  
45 **and retail sale and display thereof,** the cleaning or dressing of dead human bodies for burial, and  
46 the performance or supervision of any service or act connected with the management of funerals

1 from time of death until the body or bodies are delivered to the cemetery, crematory, or other agent  
2 for the purpose of disposition.

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4 \* \* \*

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6 Prior version held unconstitutional in *St. Joseph Abbey v. Castille*, 835 F. Supp. 2d 149 (E.D. La.  
7 2011), *affirmed by* 712 F. 3d 215 (5th Cir. 2013): “Plaintiffs have demonstrated that there is no  
8 rational relationship between requiring persons selling caskets to become funeral directors and to  
9 sell caskets only from funeral establishments thus violating Plaintiffs' constitution [*sic*] rights to  
10 Due Process. The provisions of the Act as they relate to the retail sale of caskets by persons other  
11 than funeral directors do not protect consumers; the prohibition against Plaintiffs' selling caskets  
12 does not protect the public health and welfare. The provisions simply protect a well-organized  
13 industry that seeks to maintain a strict hold on this business. Likewise these laws violate of the  
14 Equal Protection Clause, since the Act in essence treats two distinct and different occupations as  
15 the same. The licensing scheme is not rationally related to public health and safety concerns. No  
16 other state in the Union continues this practice; it is detrimental to the welfare of the consumers  
17 and does not protect the health and safety of the public. Accordingly, . . . La. Rev. Stat. §  
18 37:831(37) is unconstitutional on its fact to the extent that it includes the selling of caskets within  
19 the definition of ‘funeral directing.’”  
20

21 Holding of unconstitutionality affirmed by *St. Joseph Abbey v. Castille*, 712 F. 3d 215 (5th Cir.  
22 2013), *writ denied by* 134 S. Ct. 423 (2013): “No provision mandates licensure requirements for  
23 casket retailers or insists that a casket retailer employ someone trained in the business of funeral  
24 direction. Rather, the licensure requirements and other restrictions imposed on prospective casket  
25 retailers create funeral industry control over intrastate casket sales. The scheme is built on the  
26 statute's interlocking definitions of “funeral establishment” and “funeral directing” . . . In other  
27 words, because a funeral establishment includes any “office or place for the practice of funeral  
28 directing,” and “funeral directing” includes “the purchase of caskets or other funeral merchandise  
29 and the retail and display thereof,” a casket retailer must comply with all the statutory requirements  
30 for funeral directors and funeral establishments. . . . Moreover, like the district court and consistent  
31 with its findings, we find that the challenged law is not rationally related to policing deceptive  
32 sales tactics. . . . Relatedly, we find that no rational relationship exists between public health and  
33 safety and restricting intrastate casket sales to funeral directors. Rather, this purported rationale  
34 for the challenged law elides the realities of Louisiana's regulation of caskets and burials. That  
35 Louisiana does not even require a casket for burial, does not impose requirements for their  
36 construction or design, does not require a casket to be sealed before burial, and does not require  
37 funeral directors to have any special expertise in caskets leads us to conclude that no rational  
38 relationship exists between public health and safety and limiting intrastate sales of caskets to  
39 funeral establishments. . . . The funeral directors have offered no rational basis for their challenged  
40 rule and, try as we are required to do, we can suppose none. We AFFIRM the judgment of the  
41 district court.”  
42

43 At the time this case was decided, the definition of “funeral directing” was contained in R.S.  
44 37:831(37). The Law Institute later redesignated this definition as R.S. 37:831(42), but the  
45 substance of the provision has remained unchanged.  
46

1 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature amend R.S. 37:831(42) to remove the  
2 offending language as follows:

3  
4 (42) "Funeral directing" means the operation of a funeral home, or, by way of  
5 illustration and not limitation, any service whatsoever connected with the management of  
6 funerals, or the supervision of hearses or funeral cars, ~~the purchase of caskets or other~~  
7 ~~funeral merchandise, and retail sale and display thereof,~~ the cleaning or dressing of  
8 dead human bodies for burial, and the performance or supervision of any service or act  
9 connected with the management of funerals from time of death until the body or bodies are  
10 delivered to the cemetery, crematory, or other agent for the purpose of disposition.  
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14 **R.S. 47:301. Definitions**

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16 As used in this Chapter the following words, terms, and phrases have the meanings ascribed  
17 to them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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21 (14) "Sales of services" means and includes the following:

22 \* \* \*

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25 (g)(i)(aa) \* \* \*

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27 (bb)(I) For purposes of the sales and use tax levied by the state and by tax authorities in  
28 East Feliciana Parish, charges for the furnishing of repairs to tangible personal property shall be  
29 excluded from sales of services, as defined in this Subparagraph, when the repaired property is (1)  
30 delivered to a common carrier or to the United States Postal Service for transportation outside the  
31 state, or (2) delivered outside the state by use of the repair dealer's own vehicle or by use of an  
32 independent trucker. However, as to aircraft, delivery may be by the best available means. This  
33 exclusion shall not apply to sales and use taxes levied by any other parish, municipality or school  
34 board. However, any other parish, municipality or school board may apply the exclusion as defined  
35 in this Subparagraph to sales or use taxes levied by any such parish, municipality, or school board.  
36 Offshore areas shall not be considered another state for the purpose of this Subparagraph.  
37

38 (II) For purposes of the sales and use tax levied by the tax authorities in Calcasieu Parish,  
39 charges for the furnishing of repairs to aircraft shall be excluded from sales of services, as defined  
40 in this Subparagraph, provided that the repairs are performed at an airport with a runway that is at  
41 least ten thousand feet long, one hundred sixty feet wide, and fourteen inches thick.  
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45 Prior version held unconstitutional in *Arrow Aviation Company, LLC v. St. Martin Parish School*  
46 *Board Tax Sales Dept.*, 218 So. 3d 1031 (La. 2016): "Under the Louisiana Constitution, Article

1 VI, Section 29(D) governs the legislature's power to enact tax exclusions. Section 29(D)(1) limits  
2 the legislature's authority to enacting tax exclusions that are “*uniformly applicable* to the taxes of  
3 all local governmental subdivisions, school boards, and other political subdivisions.” But it does  
4 not require the tax exclusions to be *uniformly applied* by these local tax authorities. In 2013, the  
5 legislature amended the exclusion provided for in La. R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb)—which was  
6 previously optional for all parishes, municipalities, and school boards—to make it mandatory for  
7 tax authorities in East Feliciana Parish. . . . We find the 2013–amendment does not treat all local  
8 governmental subdivisions, school boards, and other political subdivisions the same because tax  
9 authorities in all parishes are not able to apply the exclusion in the same form, manner, or degree.  
10 That the exclusion is mandatory for tax authorities in East Feliciana—but optional for tax  
11 authorities in all other parishes—is an example of non-uniformity prohibited by the constitution.  
12 Therefore, we, like the district court, hold that, under La. Const. art. VI, § 29(D)(1), the exclusion  
13 provided for in La. R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb), as amended in 2013, is unconstitutional. . . . Here,  
14 the constitutionally offensive portion of the La. R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb) (2013) is the portion  
15 mandating tax authorities in East Feliciana Parish apply the exclusion. We find that this portion of  
16 the exclusion is severable because the legislature's 2007 and 2011 versions of the exclusion did  
17 not mandate that tax authorities in East Feliciana Parish apply the exclusion. The purpose of the  
18 statute, therefore, is not dependent on the unconstitutional portion. *See World Trade Ctr. Taxing*  
19 *Dist.*, 908 So.2d at 638. Thus, the district court properly ordered the severing of the offending  
20 mandatory language of the exclusion applicable to tax authorities in East Feliciana Parish.”

21  
22 At the time this case was decided, R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb) was not divided into Subsubitems. In  
23 2015, the legislature amended R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb) to add Subsubitem (II) relative to  
24 Calcasieu Parish and to redesignate Subitem (bb) as Subsubitem (bb)(I). The substance of this  
25 provision, however, has remained unchanged.

26  
27 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature amend R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb)(I) to  
28 remove the unconstitutional reference to East Feliciana Parish as follows:

29  
30 (bb)(I) For purposes of the sales and use tax levied by the state ~~and by tax~~  
31 ~~authorities in East Feliciana Parish~~, charges for the furnishing of repairs to tangible  
32 personal property shall be excluded from sales of services, as defined in this Subparagraph,  
33 when the repaired property is (1) delivered to a common carrier or to the United States  
34 Postal Service for transportation outside the state, or (2) delivered outside the state by use  
35 of the repair dealer's own vehicle or by use of an independent trucker. However, as to  
36 aircraft, delivery may be by the best available means. This exclusion shall not apply to  
37 sales and use taxes levied by ~~any other a~~ parish, municipality or school board. However,  
38 any ~~other~~ parish, municipality or school board may apply the exclusion as defined in this  
39 Subparagraph to sales or use taxes levied by any such parish, municipality, or school board.  
40 Offshore areas shall not be considered another state for the purpose of this Subparagraph.

41  
42 It is also recommended that the legislature amend R.S. 47:337.10(F) to remove the reference to  
43 East Feliciana Parish and to update cross-references as follows:

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45 **R.S. 47:337.10. Optional exclusions and exemptions**

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3 F. As provided for in R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb)(I), any political subdivision, ~~other~~  
4 ~~than a tax authority in East Feliciana Parish to which the exclusion already applies,~~  
5 may apply the exclusion as defined in R.S. 47:301(14)(g)(i)(bb)(I) to sales or use taxes  
6 levied by any such political subdivision, so that a charge for the furnishing of repairs to  
7 tangible personal property shall be excluded from sales of services, as defined in R.S.  
8 47:301(14)(g)(i), when the repaired property is (1) delivered to a common carrier or to the  
9 United States Post Office for transportation outside the state, or (2) delivered outside the  
10 state by use of the repair dealer's own vehicle or by use of an independent  
11 trucker. However, as to aircraft, delivery may be by the best available means. Offshore  
12 areas shall not be considered another state for the purpose of this Subsection and R.S.  
13 47:301(14)(g)(i).  
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17 **R.S. 56:1761 to 1766. Audubon Park Commission; creation; membership**  
18

19 A. The Audubon Park Commission is hereby created as a political subdivision of the state  
20 of Louisiana pursuant to Article VI, Section 19 of the Constitution. The commission shall exercise  
21 the powers and duties hereinafter set forth or otherwise provided by law.  
22

23 B. The commission shall be composed of twenty-four members who shall be appointed by  
24 the governor. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for  
25 confirmation. The commission shall be composed as follows:  
26

27 (1) Seven members, who shall be residents of the city of New Orleans, appointed from a  
28 list of fifteen names eight of which shall be names submitted to the governor by the mayor of the  
29 city of New Orleans and seven of which shall be names submitted to the governor by the council  
30 of the city of New Orleans. Provided that one member shall be a resident of either the Eighth or  
31 Ninth Ward of Orleans Parish.  
32

33 (2) Six members, who shall be residents of the city of New Orleans, appointed from a list  
34 comprised of two names submitted to the governor by each legislator who represents any portion  
35 of the city of New Orleans.  
36

37 (3) Five members, who shall be residents of Jefferson Parish, appointed from a list  
38 comprised of two names submitted to the governor by each legislator who represents any portion  
39 of Jefferson Parish.  
40

41 (4) Two members, who shall be residents of St. Bernard Parish, appointed from a list  
42 comprised of two names submitted to the governor by each legislator who represents any portion  
43 of St. Bernard Parish.  
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1 (5) One member, who shall be a resident of Plaquemines Parish, appointed from a list  
2 comprised of two names submitted to the governor by each legislator who represents any portion  
3 of Plaquemines Parish.

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5 (6) Two members, who shall be residents of St. Charles Parish or St. John the Baptist  
6 Parish, appointed from a list comprised of two names submitted to the governor by each legislator  
7 who represents any portion of St. Charles Parish or St. John the Baptist Parish.

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9 (7) One member, who shall be a resident of St. Tammany Parish, appointed from a list  
10 comprised of two names submitted to the governor by each legislator who represents any portion  
11 of St. Tammany Parish.

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13 (8) Of the total number of members appointed from the city of New Orleans and Jefferson  
14 Parish, at least two shall be residents of the west bank of the Mississippi River. Provided further,  
15 one of these members shall be a resident of the west bank of Orleans Parish and one member shall  
16 be a resident of the west bank of Jefferson Parish.

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18 (9) All initial nominations shall be made within twenty-one days of the date of signature  
19 by the governor, or if not signed by the governor, within twenty-one days of the expiration of the  
20 time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section  
21 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. All subsequent nominations shall be made no earlier than  
22 twenty-eight days prior to the expiration of the term of office nor later than fourteen days prior to  
23 the expiration of the term of office. If nominations are not made within the time specified, the  
24 governor shall make his appointments without the necessity of nominations.

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26 C.(1) Appointed members shall serve four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the  
27 remainder of the term by the Audubon Park Commission. Any person appointed by the  
28 commission to fill a vacancy shall be a resident of the same parish as the member he is appointed  
29 to replace.

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31 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the terms of the  
32 initial members of the commission appointed pursuant to R.S. 56:1761(B) shall expire on  
33 December 31 of the year designated below:

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35 (a) The terms of the initial members appointed pursuant to R.S. 56:1761(B)(4), (5), (6),  
36 and (7) shall expire in 1984.

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38 (b) The terms of the initial members appointed pursuant to R.S. 56:1761(B)(3) shall expire  
39 in 1985.

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41 (c) The terms of the initial members appointed pursuant to R.S. 56:1761(B)(1) shall expire  
42 in 1986.

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44 (d) The terms of the initial members appointed pursuant to R.S. 56:1761(B)(2) shall expire  
45 in 1987.

1 (3) The terms of the successors of the initial members shall expire on December 31 of the  
2 last year of their respective terms. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and  
3 take office.

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5 D. The commission shall meet and organize immediately after appointment of the  
6 members and shall elect from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman and such other  
7 officers as it may deem necessary. The commission shall prescribe the duties of its officers. The  
8 commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business and shall keep a record of its  
9 proceedings. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum.

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11 E. The commission shall meet at least once in each quarter of the fiscal year, or on call of  
12 the chairman or any five members.

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14 F. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

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16 G. The commission shall be domiciled in New Orleans.

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18 Held unconstitutional by *City of New Orleans v. State*, 443 So. 2d 562 (La. 1983): “Act 485 of  
19 1983, in contest here, essentially reenacts Act 352 of 1982. It abolishes the Audubon Park  
20 Commission for the City of New Orleans and creates a new Audubon Park Commission as a  
21 political subdivision of the state of Louisiana with twenty-four members appointed by the  
22 governor. . . . The new Audubon Park Commission is named “the successor in every way to the  
23 Audubon Park Commission for the City of New Orleans created by Act 191 of the 1914 regular  
24 session”. . . . In deciding the constitutionality of Act 485 of 1983, the following issues must be  
25 considered: (1) Does the City or the State own Audubon Park? (2) If the City owns Audubon Park,  
26 may the State take the property by legislative act? . . . The City of New Orleans and not the State  
27 owns the property occupied by the Audubon Park and Zoo, as well as the improvements upon that  
28 property. The state contends that the Audubon Park and Zoo are natural resources of the state and  
29 subject to the state's police power under Art. IX, § 1. . . . While the park contributes to the healthful,  
30 scenic and esthetic quality of the environment, the legislature cannot assume its ownership and  
31 regulation merely by declaring it a natural resource. The state contends that the park is public  
32 property, which is not protected by the constitutional provision against taking without just  
33 compensation. . . . A park, which is analogous to a public square, may belong to a political  
34 subdivision of the state, such as the City of New Orleans. It is, of course, a public thing, owned by  
35 the City for the benefit of all persons. . . . Article I, § 4, Louisiana Constitution of 1974 . . . prohibits  
36 the state from taking any property including public property owned by political subdivisions,  
37 except upon payment of just compensation. . . . The 1974 Louisiana Constitution does not allow  
38 the state to take without payment any public thing belonging to a municipality. On the contrary,  
39 the rights of local governmental entities are protected by Article VI, § 6. Since the City of New  
40 Orleans owns Audubon Park, Act 485 of 1983, which creates a new Audubon Park Commission  
41 as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, is an unconstitutional taking of the City's  
42 property without just compensation. LSA-Const. 1974, Art. I, § 4. The City is entitled to injunctive  
43 relief against the irreparable injury which would be caused by the unconstitutional taking of its  
44 park property and zoo. For the foregoing reasons, the judgment of the trial court permanently  
45 enjoining implementation of Act 485 of 1983 is affirmed.”

1 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 56:1761 through 1765 in  
2 their entirety.

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1 **PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE LAW INSTITUTE’S INITIAL BIENNIAL REPORT**  
2 **THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE LEGISLATURE**

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4 **Constitution**

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6 **Article XII, Section 15. Defense of Marriage\***  
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8 Section 15. Marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man  
9 and one woman. No official or court of the state of Louisiana shall construe this constitution or  
10 any state law to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any member  
11 of a union other than the union of one man and one woman. A legal status identical or substantially  
12 similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized. No official  
13 or court of the state of Louisiana shall recognize any marriage contracted in any other jurisdiction  
14 which is not the union of one man and one woman.  
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16 Held unconstitutional by *Robicheaux v. Caldwell*, 2015 WL 4090353 at \*1 (E.D. La. 2015) (citing  
17 *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S.Ct. 2584 (U.S. 2015): “IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Article XII,  
18 Section 15 of the Louisiana Constitution, Article 89 of the Louisiana Civil Code, and laws enacted  
19 pursuant thereto, violate the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and may not  
20 be enforced against the Plaintiffs or any other same-sex couple.”  
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22 In *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court of the United States held that “[t]he right to marry is  
23 a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person, and under the Due Process and Equal  
24 Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment couples of the same-sex may not be deprived of  
25 that right and that liberty. The Court now holds that same-sex couples may exercise the  
26 fundamental right to marry. No longer may this liberty be denied to them.” 135 S.Ct. 2584, 2604-  
27 05. Because of its holding that “same-sex couples may exercise the fundamental right to marry in  
28 all States,” the Supreme Court of the United States also held that “there is no lawful basis for a  
29 State to refuse to recognize a lawful same-sex marriage performed in another State on the ground  
30 of its same-sex character.” *Id.* at 2607-08.  
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32 Further, the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Obergefell* was recognized by the  
33 Louisiana Supreme Court in *Costanza v. Caldwell*, 167 So. 3d 619 (La. 2015), which was an appeal  
34 from a district court judgment “declaring La. Const. Art. XII, § 15, La. Civ.Code art. 86, La.  
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36 (9/13/13) to be unconstitutional.” *Id.* at 620. The Louisiana Supreme Court also recognized the  
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38 Code art. 89, and La. Civ. Code art. 3520(B) were in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to  
39 the United States Constitution.” *Id.* In that case, the Louisiana Supreme Court dismissed the appeal  
40 from the *Robicheaux* decision as moot, concluding that “[t]he United States Supreme Court’s  
41 interpretation of the federal constitution is final and binding on this court” and that “*Obergefell*  
42 compels the conclusion that the State of Louisiana may not bar same-sex couples from the civil  
43 effects of marriage on the same terms accorded to opposite-sex couples.” *Id.* at 621.  
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1 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Direct the  
2 Law Institute to note the *Obergefell* decision at La. Const. Art. XII, Sec. 15; or (2) Direct the Law  
3 Institute to note the *Obergefell* decision at La. Const. Art. XII, Sec. 15 and submit to the voters a  
4 proposal to amend La. Const. Art. XII, Sec. 15 to replace “one man and one woman” with “two  
5 natural persons” as follows: “Marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of  
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8 conferred upon any member of a union other than the union of ~~one man and one woman~~ **two**  
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12 ~~one woman~~ **two natural persons**.”  
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16 **Civil Code**  
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18 **Article 89. Impediment of same sex\***  
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20 Persons of the same sex may not contract marriage with each other. A purported marriage  
21 between persons of the same sex contracted in another state shall be governed by the provisions of  
22 Title II of Book IV of the Civil Code.  
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8 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Direct the  
9 Law Institute to note the *Obergefell* decision at Civil Code Article 89; or (2) Repeal Civil Code  
10 Article 89 in its entirety.  
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13 is limited by R.S. 24:204(A)(10) to those “provisions of law that have been declared  
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15 same sex marriage in light of *Obergefell* was submitted to the legislature in March of 2016.  
16 Additionally, the Law Institute’s Marriage-Persons Committee proposed, and the Law Institute’s  
17 Council adopted, a package of recommended amendments with respect to same-sex marriage in  
18 Louisiana. Those recommendations have been submitted to the legislature as Senate Bill No. 98  
19 of the 2018 Regular Session.  
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23 **Article 3520. Marriage\***

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27 B. A purported marriage between persons of the same sex violates a strong public policy  
28 of the state of Louisiana and such a marriage contracted in another state shall not be recognized in  
29 this state for any purpose, including the assertion of any right or claim as a result of the purported  
30 marriage.  
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14 compels the conclusion that the State of Louisiana may not bar same-sex couples from the civil  
15 effects of marriage on the same terms accorded to opposite-sex couples.” *Id.* at 621.

16  
17 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Direct the  
18 Law Institute to note the *Obergefell* decision at Civil Code Article 3520(B); or (2) Repeal Civil  
19 Code Article 3520(B) in its entirety.

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32 **Code of Criminal Procedure**

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34 **Article 800. Objection to ruling on challenge for cause\***

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36 A. A defendant may not assign as error a ruling refusing to sustain a challenge for cause  
37 made by him, unless an objection thereto is made at the time of the ruling. The nature of the  
38 objection and grounds therefor shall be stated at the time of objection.

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40 B. The erroneous allowance to the state of a challenge for cause does not afford the  
41 defendant a ground for complaint, unless the effect of such ruling is the exercise by the state of  
42 more peremptory challenges than it is entitled to by law.

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44 Validity called into doubt by *State v. Anderson*, 996 So. 2d 973, 997 (La. 2008): “*Witherspoon* [*v.*  
45 *Illinois*, 391 U.S. 510 (1968)] further dictates that a capital defendant’s rights under the Sixth and

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1 Fourteenth Amendments to an impartial jury prohibits the exclusion of prospective jurors ‘simply  
2 because they voiced general objections to the death penalty or expressed conscientious or religious  
3 scruples against its infliction.’ Moreover, notwithstanding LSA–C.Cr.P. art. 800(B), which states  
4 that a defendant cannot complain of an erroneous grant of a challenge to the State ‘unless the effect  
5 of such a ruling is the exercise by the State of more peremptory challenges than it is entitled to by  
6 law,’ the United States Supreme Court has consistently held that it is reversible error, not subject  
7 to harmless-error analysis, when a trial court erroneously excludes a potential juror who is  
8 *Witherspoon*-eligible, despite the fact that the state could have used a peremptory challenge to  
9 strike the potential juror.”

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11 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
12 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to direct the  
13 printer to add a validity note following Code of Criminal Procedure Article 800 to read as follows:  
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15 “The validity of Article 800(B), which precludes even a capital defendant from  
16 complaining of an erroneous grant of a challenge for cause to the state unless the effect of  
17 such grant is that the state exercised more peremptory challenges than it was entitled to by  
18 law, is called into doubt by *State v. Anderson*, 996 So. 2d 973 (La. 2008), *Witherspoon v.*  
19 *Illinois*, 391 U.S. 510 (1968), and *Wainwright v. Witt*, 469 U.S. 412 (1985), all of which  
20 hold that in certain capital cases, the exclusion of a potential juror because they voiced  
21 general objections to or conscientious or religious scruples against the death penalty is  
22 reversible error and is not subject to harmless error analysis.”  
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26 **Revised Statutes**  
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28 **R.S. 13:3715.1. Medical or hospital records of a patient; subpoena duces tecum and court**  
29 **order to a health care provider; reimbursement for records produced\***  
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31 A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed  
32 thereto:  
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34 (1) Patient “records” shall not be deemed to include x-rays, electrocardiograms, and like  
35 graphic matter unless specifically referred to in the subpoena, summons, or court order.  
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37 (2) “Health care provider” shall mean a person, partnership, corporation, facility, or  
38 institution defined in R.S. 40:1299.41(A).

39 B. The exclusive method by which medical, hospital, or other records relating to a person’s  
40 medical treatment, history, or condition may be obtained or disclosed by a health care provider,  
41 shall be pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1299.96 or Code of Evidence  
42 Article 510, or a lawful subpoena or court order obtained in the following manner:  
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44 (1) A health care provider shall disclose records of a patient who is a party to litigation  
45 pursuant to a subpoena issued in that litigation, whether for purposes of deposition or for trial and

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1 whether issued in a civil, criminal, workers' compensation, or other proceeding, but only if: the  
2 health care provider has received an affidavit of the party or the party's attorney at whose request  
3 the subpoena has been issued that attests to the fact that such subpoena is for the records of a party  
4 to the litigation and that notice of the subpoena has been mailed by registered or certified mail to  
5 the patient whose records are sought, or, if represented, to his counsel of record, at least seven days  
6 prior to the issuance of the subpoena; and the subpoena is served on the health care provider at  
7 least seven days prior to the date on which the records are to be disclosed, and the health care  
8 provider has not received a copy of a petition or motion indicating that the patient has taken legal  
9 action to restrain the release of the records. If the requesting party is the patient or, if represented,  
10 the attorney for the patient, the affidavit shall state that the patient authorizes the release of the  
11 records pursuant to the subpoena. No such subpoena shall be issued by any clerk unless the  
12 required affidavit is included with the request.  
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14 (2) Any attorney requesting medical records of a patient, who is not a party to the litigation  
15 in which the records are being sought may obtain the records by written authorization of the patient  
16 whose records are being sought or if no such authorization is given, by court order, as provided in  
17 Paragraph (5) hereof.  
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19 (3) Any attorney requesting medical records of a patient who is deceased may obtain the  
20 records by subpoena, as provided in Paragraph (1) hereof, by written authorization of the person  
21 authorized under Louisiana Civil Code Article 2315.1 or the executor or administrator of the  
22 deceased's estate, or by court order, as provided in Paragraph (5) hereof.  
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24 (4) Any subpoena for medical records issued by the office of workers' compensation  
25 administration in the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or by a hearing officer or agent employed  
26 by such office, shall for all purposes be considered a subpoena within the meaning of this Section.  
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28 (5) A court shall issue an order for the production and disclosure of a patient's records,  
29 regardless of whether the patient is a party to the litigation, only: after a contradictory hearing with  
30 the patient, or, if represented, with his counsel of record, or, if deceased, with those persons  
31 identified in Paragraph (3) hereof, and after a finding by the court that the release of the requested  
32 information is proper; or with consent of the patient.  
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34 (6) Records of the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any patient which are  
35 maintained in connection with the performance of any program or activity relating to substance or  
36 alcohol abuse, education, training, treatment, rehabilitation, or research, which is conducted,  
37 regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted by any department or agency of the United States shall  
38 be confidential and disclosed only for the purposes and under the circumstances expressly  
39 authorized in 42 CFR Part 2. Under this Section, said programs shall include but not be limited to  
40 any alcohol or substance abuse clinic or facility operated by the Department of Health and  
41 Hospitals. No subpoena or court order shall compel disclosure of any record or patient-identifying  
42 information of an individual who has applied for or been given diagnosis or treatment for alcohol  
43 or drug abuse in a federally assisted program, unless said court order or subpoena meets the criteria  
44 set forth in 42 CFR 2.61, 2.64, or 2.65. No health care provider, employee, or agent thereof shall  
45 be held civilly or criminally liable for refusing to disclose protected alcohol and substance abuse  
46 records or patient-identifying information unless first presented with a valid consent signed by the

1 individual, which complies with 42 CFR 2.31 or a court order and subpoena which complies with  
2 42 CFR Part 2.

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4 C. No health care provider, employee, or agent thereof shall be held civilly or criminally  
5 liable for disclosure of the records of a patient pursuant to the procedure set forth in this Section,  
6 R.S. 40:1299.96, or Code of Evidence Article 510, provided that the health care provider has not  
7 received a copy of the petition or motion indicating that legal action has been taken to restrain the  
8 release of the records.

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10 D. Unless the subpoena or court order otherwise specifies, it shall be sufficient compliance  
11 therewith if the health care provider delivers by registered or certified mail, at least forty-eight  
12 hours prior to the date upon which production is due, or delivers by hand on the date upon which  
13 production is due a true and correct copy of all records described in such subpoena. However, no  
14 subpoena or court order shall require the production of original, nonreproducible materials and  
15 records unless accompanied by a court order or stipulation of the parties and the health care  
16 provider which specifies the person who will be responsible for the care of the items to be  
17 produced, the date and manner of the return to the provider of the items to be produced, and that  
18 the items to be produced are not to be destroyed or subject to destructive testing. Any subpoena  
19 duces tecum not timely served shall be quashed by the trial court without the necessity of an  
20 appearance by the hospital, health care facility, or medical physician.

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22 E. The records shall be accompanied by the certificate of the health care provider or other  
23 qualified witness, stating in substance each of the following:

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25 (1) That the copy is a true copy of all records described in the subpoena.

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27 (2) That the records were prepared by the health care provider in the ordinary course of the  
28 business of the health care provider at or near the time of the act, condition, or event.

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30 F. If the health care provider has none of the records described, or only part thereof, the  
31 health care provider shall so state in the certificate, and deliver the certificate and such records as  
32 are available.

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34 G. The health care provider shall be reimbursed by the person causing the issuance of the  
35 subpoena, summons, or court order in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1299.96.

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37 H. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no health care provider, as  
38 defined in R.S. 40:1299.96, shall be required to grant access to or copying of photographs, or both,  
39 of any minor or part of a minor's body who is alleged to be the victim of child sexual abuse unless  
40 a court of competent jurisdiction, after a contradictory hearing at which the health care provider  
41 may but need not be present, orders the health care provider to grant access to or copying of said  
42 photographs to the moving party's counsel of record or experts qualified in the medical diagnosis  
43 of child sexual abuse, or to both. The court's order granting the access to or copying of said  
44 photographs shall be limited to the movant's counsel of record or the experts qualified in the  
45 medical diagnosis of child sexual abuse, or both; shall be limited solely to use of said photographs  
46 for the purposes of trial preparation; shall prohibit further copying, reproduction, or dissemination

1 of said photographs; and shall prohibit counsel of record or the experts qualified in the medical  
2 diagnosis of child sexual abuse from allowing any other person access to said photographs without  
3 court order and for good cause shown.  
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5 I. A coroner, deputy coroner, or other assistant, while acting in his official capacity relating  
6 to a physical or mental investigation and examination or an investigation into the cause and manner  
7 of a death, is exempt from complying with the provisions of this Section.  
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9 J. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry,  
10 Louisiana State Board of Psychologists, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Louisiana Board of  
11 Pharmacy, Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, Louisiana State Board of Physical  
12 Therapy Examiners, and the Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, while acting in an  
13 official capacity relating to an investigation of an individual over whom such board has regulatory  
14 authority shall be exempt from complying with the notice provisions of this Section when the  
15 subpoena clearly states that no notice or affidavit is required. Notwithstanding any privilege of  
16 confidentiality recognized by law, no health care provider or health care institution with which  
17 such health care provider is affiliated shall, acting under any such privilege, fail or refuse to  
18 respond to a lawfully issued subpoena of such board for any medical information, testimony,  
19 records, data, reports or other documents, tangible items, or information relative to any patient  
20 treated by such individual under investigation; however, the identity of any patient identified in or  
21 by such records or information shall be maintained in confidence by such board and shall be  
22 deemed a privilege of confidentiality existing in favor of any such patient. For the purpose of  
23 maintaining such confidentiality of patient identity, such board shall cause any such medical  
24 records or the transcript of any such testimony to be altered so as to prevent the disclosure of the  
25 identity of the patient to whom such records or testimony relates.  
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27 K. Any attorney who causes the issuance of a subpoena or court order for medical, hospital,  
28 or other records relating to a person's medical treatment, history, or condition and who  
29 intentionally fails to provide notice to the patient or to the patient's counsel of record in accordance  
30 with the requirements of this Section shall be subject to sanction by the court.  
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32 L. No provision of this Section shall preclude a patient from personally receiving a copy  
33 or synopsis of his medical records as provided by law.  
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35 In *State v. Skinner*, 10 So. 3d 1212, 1218 (La. 2009), the court found: “Because we find a warrant  
36 was required for an investigative search of the defendant's prescription and medical records, the  
37 trial court erred in finding the remedy was for the State to comply with requirements of La.Code  
38 Crim Proc. art. 66 and La Rev. Stat. 13:3715.1, which the State had admittedly failed to comply  
39 with in obtaining the defendant's prescription and medical records, in order for these records to be  
40 admissible at trial. The trial court's ruling essentially permits the State to re-subpoena the  
41 prescription and medical records, allowing the State to introduce them at trial if the State has  
42 followed all the procedural requirements of La.Rev.Stat. 13:3715.1 and/or La.Code Crim. Proc.  
43 art. 66 in procuring these records a second time. However, because we find the Fourth Amendment  
44 and La. Const, art. I, § 5 require a search warrant before a search of prescription and medical  
45 records for **criminal investigative purposes** is permitted, the State cannot cure its warrantless  
46 search and seizure of the records by a second subpoena of these records. . . . The procedural

1 requirements of La.Rev.Stat. 13:3715.1 simply and clearly do not suffice to comply with the  
2 constitutional requirements of probable cause supported by a sworn affidavit for the issuance of a  
3 search warrant. Thus, it is irrelevant whether or not the State complied with the requirements of  
4 La.Rev.Stat. 13:3715.1, and any subsequent compliance with its procedural requirements is  
5 insufficient to permit the introduction of evidence that was illegally searched and seized. This  
6 evidence must be suppressed.”

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8 Also, a validity note following R.S. 13:3715.1 provides: “Procedural requirements of this section  
9 were found unconstitutional in *State v. Skinner, Sup.2009, 10 So.3d 1212, 2008-2522 (La. 5/5/09)*.  
10 *See Notes of Decisions, post.*”

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12 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
13 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to direct the  
14 printer to revise the validity note following R.S. 13:3715.1 to read: “Procedural requirements of  
15 this section were found unconstitutional **‘for criminal investigative purposes’** in *State v. Skinner*.  
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20 **R.S. 13:4210. Penalty for judge’s violation of R.S. 13:4207 through R.S. 13:4209\***

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22 All judges mentioned in R.S. 13:4207 through 13:4209 who shall violate those provisions  
23 or requirements, relative to the time within which they shall render decisions as aforesaid, shall  
24 forfeit one quarter's salary for each violation. The clerk of court shall notify the auditor of any  
25 failure on the part of the judge to render a decision within the time prescribed herein. The auditor,  
26 upon receiving such notification from the clerk of the court, shall withhold from such judge the  
27 payment of one quarter's salary, which amounts shall be paid by the auditor into the general school  
28 fund.

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30 Held unconstitutional by *Prejean v. Barousse, 107 So. 3d 569, 573-74 (La. 2013)*: “This analysis  
31 convincingly demonstrates La. R.S. 13:4210 runs afoul of the constitutional mandate in La. Const.  
32 Art. V § 25(C), granting exclusive original jurisdiction over judicial discipline to this court.  
33 Additionally, we find La. R.S. 13:4210 conflicts with La. Const. Art. V, § 21, which provides  
34 ‘[t]he term of office, retirement benefits, and **compensation** of a judge shall not be **decreased**  
35 during the term for which he is elected.’ . . . In the instant case, the effect of a partial forfeiture of  
36 a judge’s salary would result in a decrease of compensation of the judge during the term for which  
37 he was elected, in violation of La. Const. Art. V, § 21. Under these circumstances, we determine  
38 La. R.S. 13:4210 is unconstitutional on its face, as no set of circumstances exists under which the  
39 statute would be valid.”

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41 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 13:4210 in its entirety.  
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1 **R.S. 14:42. First degree rape\***  
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3 A. First degree rape is a rape committed upon a person sixty-five years of age or older or  
4 where the anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse is deemed to be without lawful consent of the  
5 victim because it is committed under any one or more of the following circumstances:  
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9 **(4) When the victim is under the age of thirteen years. Lack of knowledge of the**  
10 **victim's age shall not be a defense.**

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13 D. (1) Whoever commits the crime of first degree rape shall be punished by life  
14 imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.  
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16 **(2) However, if the victim was under the age of thirteen years, as provided by**  
17 **Paragraph A(4) of this Section:**  
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19 **(a) And if the district attorney seeks a capital verdict, the offender shall be punished**  
20 **by death or life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or**  
21 **suspension of sentence, in accordance with the determination of the jury. The provisions of**  
22 **C.Cr.P. Art. 782 relative to cases in which punishment may be capital shall apply.**  
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24 (b) And if the district attorney does not seek a capital verdict, the offender shall be punished  
25 by life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.  
26 The provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 782 relative to cases in which punishment is  
27 necessarily confinement at hard labor shall apply.  
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31 Held unconstitutional by *Kennedy v. Louisiana*, 554 U.S. 407, 412 (2008): “This case presents the  
32 question whether the Constitution bars respondent from imposing the death penalty for the rape of  
33 a child where the crime did not result, and was not intended to result, in death of the victim. We  
34 hold the Eighth Amendment prohibits the death penalty for this offense. The Louisiana statute is  
35 unconstitutional.”  
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37 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
38 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 14:42(D)(2) in its entirety  
39 and direct the Law Institute to redesignate Paragraph (D)(1) as Subsection (D).  
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1 **R.S. 14:47. Defamation\***  
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3 Defamation is the malicious publication or expression in any manner, to anyone other than  
4 the party defamed, of anything which tends:  
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6 (1) To expose any person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or to deprive him of the benefit  
7 of public confidence or social intercourse; or  
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9 (2) To expose the memory of one deceased to hatred, contempt, or ridicule; or  
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11 (3) To injure any person, corporation, or association of persons in his or their business or  
12 occupation.  
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14 Whoever commits the crime of defamation shall be fined not more than five hundred  
15 dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.  
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17 Held unconstitutional by *State v. Defley*, 395 So. 2d 759, 761 (La. 1981): “LSA-R.S. 14:47 is  
18 unconstitutional insofar as it punishes public expression about public officials.” In this case, the  
19 Louisiana Supreme Court also cited *State v. Snyder*, 277 So. 2d 660, 668 (La. 1972), *on rehearing*:  
20 “We hold R.S. 14:47, 48, and 49 to be unconstitutional insofar as they attempt to punish public  
21 expression and publication concerning public officials, public figures, and private individuals who  
22 are engaged in public affairs;” and *Garrison v. State of La.*, 379 U.S. 64, 77 (1964): “Applying the  
23 principles of the New York Times case, we hold that the Louisiana statute, as authoritatively  
24 interpreted by the Supreme Court of Louisiana, incorporates constitutionally invalid standards in  
25 the context of criticism of the official conduct of public officials.”  
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27 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
28 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to direct the  
29 printer to add a validity note following R.S. 14:47 to read as follows:  
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31 “In *State v. Snyder*, 277 So. 2d 660, 668 (La. 1972), the Louisiana Supreme Court  
32 held that R.S. 14:47 is unconstitutional insofar as it attempts to punish public expression  
33 and publication concerning public officials, public figures, and private individuals who are  
34 engaged in public affairs. *See also State v. Defley*, 395 So. 2d 759, 761 (La. 1981) and  
35 *Garrison v. State of La.*, 379 U.S. 64, 77 (1964).”  
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39 **R.S. 14:48. Presumption of malice†**  
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41 Where a non-privileged defamatory publication or expression is false it is presumed to be  
42 malicious unless a justifiable motive for making it is shown.  
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1           Where such a publication or expression is true, actual malice must be proved in order to  
2 convict the offender.

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4 Recognized as unconstitutional by *State v. Snyder*, 277 So. 2d 660, 668 (La. 1972), *on rehearing*:  
5 “We hold R.S. 14:47, 48, and 49 to be unconstitutional insofar as they attempt to punish public  
6 expression and publication concerning public officials, public figures, and private individuals who  
7 are engaged in public affairs.”

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9 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
10 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to direct the  
11 printer to add a validity note following R.S. 14:48 to read as follows:

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13                   “In *State v. Snyder*, 277 So. 2d 660, 668 (La. 1972), the Louisiana Supreme Court  
14 held that R.S. 14:48 is unconstitutional insofar as it attempts to punish public expression  
15 and publication concerning public officials, public figures, and private individuals who are  
16 engaged in public affairs.”

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20 **R.S. 14:49. Qualified privilege\***

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22           A qualified privilege exists and actual malice must be proved, regardless of whether the  
23 publication is true or false, in the following situations:

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25           (1) Where the publication or expression is a fair and true report of any judicial, legislative,  
26 or other public or official proceeding, or of any statement, speech, argument, or debate in the  
27 course of the same.

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29           (2) Where the publication or expression is a comment made in the reasonable belief of its  
30 truth, upon,

31                   (a) The conduct of a person in respect to public affairs; or

32                   (b) A thing which the proprietor thereof offers or explains to the public.

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35           (3) Where the publication or expression is made to a person interested in the  
36 communication, by one who is also interested or who stands in such a relation to the former as to  
37 afford a reasonable ground for supposing his motive innocent.

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40           (4) Where the publication or expression is made by an attorney or party in a judicial  
41 proceeding.

42  
43 Recognized as unconstitutional by *State v. Snyder*, 277 So. 2d 660, 668 (La. 1972), *on rehearing*:  
44 “We hold R.S. 14:47, 48, and 49 to be unconstitutional insofar as they attempt to punish public

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1 expression and publication concerning public officials, public figures, and private individuals who  
2 are engaged in public affairs.”

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4 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
5 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to direct the  
6 printer to add a validity note following R.S. 14:49 to read as follows:  
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8 “In *State v. Snyder*, 277 So. 2d 660, 668 (La. 1972), the Louisiana Supreme Court  
9 held that R.S. 14:49 is unconstitutional insofar as it attempts to punish public expression  
10 and publication concerning public officials, public figures, and private individuals who are  
11 engaged in public affairs.”  
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15 **R.S. 14:87. Abortion\***

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17 A.(1) Abortion is the performance of any of the following acts, with the specific intent of  
18 terminating a pregnancy:  
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20 (a) Administering or prescribing any drug, potion, medicine or any other substance to a  
21 female; or  
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23 (b) Using any instrument or external force whatsoever on a female.

24 (2) This Section shall not apply to the female who has an abortion.  
25

26 B. It shall not be unlawful for a physician to perform any of the acts described in  
27 Subsection A of this Section if performed under the following circumstances:  
28

29 (1) The physician terminates the pregnancy in order to preserve the life or health of the  
30 unborn child or to remove a stillborn child.  
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32 (2) The physician terminates a pregnancy for the express purpose of saving the life,  
33 preventing the permanent impairment of a life sustaining organ or organs, or to prevent a  
34 substantial risk of death of the mother.  
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36 (3) The physician terminates a pregnancy by performing a medical procedure necessary in  
37 reasonable medical judgment to prevent the death or substantial risk of death due to a physical  
38 condition, or to prevent the serious, permanent impairment of a life-sustaining organ of a pregnant  
39 woman.  
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41 C. As used in this Section, the following words and phrases are defined as follows:  
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43 (1) "Physician" means any person licensed to practice medicine in this state.  
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1 (2) "Unborn child" means the unborn offspring of human beings from the moment of  
2 fertilization until birth.

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4 D.(1) Whoever commits the crime of abortion shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not  
5 less than one nor more than ten years and shall be fined not less than ten thousand dollars nor more  
6 than one hundred thousand dollars.

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8 (2) This penalty shall not apply to the female who has an abortion.

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10 Prior version held unconstitutional by *Sojourner T v. Edwards*, 974 F.2d 27, 28-31 (5th Cir. 1992):  
11 "This suit challenges the Louisiana Abortion Statute, which criminalizes performing abortions  
12 except under very limited circumstances. . . . The Statute makes it a crime to 'administer [] or  
13 prescrib[e] any drug, potion, medicine, or any other substance to a female' or to 'us[e] any  
14 instrumental or external force whatsoever on a female' 'with the specific intent of terminating a  
15 pregnancy.' The Statute provides exceptions when: (1) the physician terminates the pregnancy in  
16 order to preserve the life or health of the unborn baby or to remove a dead unborn child; (2) the  
17 physician terminates the pregnancy to save the life of the mother . . . The Supreme Court recently  
18 reaffirmed the essential holding of *Roe v. Wade* in *Casey*. In *Casey*, the Court held that a woman  
19 has a right to choose to have an abortion before viability and that legislation restricting abortions  
20 before viability must not place an undue burden on that right. . . . The Court held that before  
21 viability, a State's interests are not strong enough to support a prohibition of abortion. Thus, the  
22 Louisiana statute is clearly unconstitutional under *Casey*. . . . In conclusion, we hold that the  
23 Louisiana statute, on its face, is plainly unconstitutional under *Casey* because the statute imposes  
24 an undue burden on women seeking an abortion before viability." Although *Sojourner T v.*  
25 *Edwards* is an appellate court decision, the Supreme Court of the United States denied writs in this  
26 case, 507 U.S. 872 (1993).

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28 At the time this case was decided, the 1992 version of the statute provided exceptions to the crime  
29 of abortion when (1) the physician terminates the pregnancy in order to preserve the life or health  
30 of the unborn child or to remove a dead unborn child; (2) the physician terminates a pregnancy for  
31 the express purpose of saving the life of the mother; (3) the physician terminates a pregnancy  
32 which is the result of rape; or (4) the physician terminates a pregnancy which is the result of incest.  
33 In Acts 2006, No. 467, the legislature amended R.S. 14:87 to remove the exceptions for rape and  
34 incest, leaving the first two provisions and adding a third to prevent death or serious, permanent  
35 impairment of the mother as the only exceptions to the crime of abortion. As a result, some of the  
36 offensive portions of the statute that were held unconstitutional by the Fifth Circuit remain in the  
37 statute's current version.

38  
39 **Recommendation:** It was recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the  
40 *Sojourner T v. Edwards* decision at R.S. 14:87 to assure consistent reporting. The validity note  
41 following R.S. 14:87 reads as follows:

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43 "This section, as amended and reenacted by Acts 1991, No. 26, was declared  
44 unconstitutional by *Sojourner, T. et al. v. Roemer and Okpalobi v. State*, 772 F.Supp. 930  
45 (E.D.La.), Aug. 7, 1991), order affirmed by *Sojourner T. v. Edwards*, C.A.5 (La.) 1992,

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6 **R.S. 14:89. Crime against nature\***  
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8 A. Crime against nature is either of the following:  
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10 (1) The unnatural carnal copulation by a human being with another of the same sex or  
11 opposite sex or with an animal, except that anal sexual intercourse between two human beings  
12 shall not be deemed as a crime against nature when done under any of the circumstances described  
13 in R.S. 14:41, 42, 42.1 or 43. Emission is not necessary; and, when committed by a human being  
14 with another, the use of the genital organ of one of the offenders of whatever sex is sufficient to  
15 constitute the crime.  
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17 (2) The marriage to, or sexual intercourse with, any ascendant or descendant, brother or  
18 sister, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, with knowledge of their relationship. The relationship must  
19 be by consanguinity, but it is immaterial whether the parties to the act are related to one another  
20 by the whole or half blood. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply where one person, not  
21 a resident of this state at the time of the celebration of his marriage, contracted a marriage lawful  
22 at the place of celebration and thereafter removed to this state.  
23

24 B.(1) Whoever commits the offense of crime against nature as defined by Paragraph (A)(1)  
25 of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned, with or without hard  
26 labor, for not more than five years, or both.  
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28 (2) Whoever commits the offense of crime against nature as defined by Paragraph (A)(1)  
29 of this Section with a person under the age of eighteen years shall be fined not more than fifty  
30 thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years,  
31 or both.  
32

33 (3) Whoever commits the offense of crime against nature as defined by Paragraph (A)(1)  
34 of this Section with a person under the age of fourteen years shall be fined not more than seventy-  
35 five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than  
36 fifty years, or both.  
37

38 (4) Whoever commits the offense of crime against nature as defined by Paragraph (A)(2)  
39 of this Section, where the crime is between an ascendant and descendant, or between brother and  
40 sister, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than fifteen years.  
41

42 (5) Whoever commits the offense of crime against nature as defined by Paragraph (A)(2)  
43 of this Section, where the crime is between uncle and niece, or aunt and nephew, shall be fined not  
44 more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five  
45 years, or both.

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1 C.(1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of Paragraph (A)(1)  
2 of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a  
3 victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child  
4 determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for  
5 specialized services for sexually exploited children.  
6

7 (2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of Paragraph (A)(1) of  
8 this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is  
9 determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any  
10 person determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be notified of  
11 any treatment or specialized services for sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services  
12 are available.  
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14 D. The provisions of Act No. 177 of the 2014 Regular Session and the provisions of the  
15 Act that originated as Senate Bill No. 333 of the 2014 Regular Session incorporate the elements  
16 of the crimes of incest (R.S. 14:78) and aggravated incest (R.S. 14:78.1), as they existed prior to  
17 their repeal by these Acts, into the provisions of the crimes of crime against nature (R.S. 14:89)  
18 and aggravated crime against nature (R.S. 14:89.1), respectively. For purposes of the provisions  
19 amended by Act No. 177 of the 2014 Regular Session and the Act that originated as Senate Bill  
20 No. 333 of the 2014 Regular Session, a conviction for a violation of R.S. 14:89(A)(2) shall be the  
21 same as a conviction for the crime of incest (R.S. 14:78) and a conviction for a violation of R.S.  
22 14:89.1(A)(2) shall be the same as a conviction for the crime of aggravated incest (R.S.  
23 14:78.1). Neither Act shall be construed to alleviate any person convicted or adjudicated  
24 delinquent of incest (R.S. 14:78) or aggravated incest (R.S. 14:78.1) from any requirement,  
25 obligation, or consequence imposed by law resulting from that conviction or adjudication  
26 including but not limited to any requirements regarding sex offender registration and notification,  
27 parental rights, probation, parole, sentencing, or any other requirement, obligation, or consequence  
28 imposed by law resulting from that conviction or adjudication.  
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30 Prior version held unconstitutional by *Louisiana Electorate of Gays and Lesbians, Inc. v. Connick*,  
31 902 So. 2d 1090, 1094, 1096 (La. App. 5 Cir. 2005): “The court found La. R.S. 14:89(A)(1)  
32 unconstitutional in part in light of *Lawrence v. Texas* [539 U.S. 558 (2003)]. . . . The Court declares  
33 the following language in Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:89(A)(1) to be unconstitutional and  
34 therefore null and void: ‘with another of the same sex or opposite sex or’, ‘, except that anal sexual  
35 intercourse between two human beings shall not be deemed as a crime against nature when done  
36 under any of the circumstances described in R.S. 14:41, 14:42, 14:42.1 or 14:43’ and ‘; and when  
37 committed by a human being with another, the use of the genital organ of one of the offenders of  
38 whatever sex is sufficient to constitute the crime.’ The Court upholds and affirms the constitutional  
39 portions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:89(A)(1), which read: Crime against nature is: The  
40 unnatural carnal copulation by a human being with an animal. Emission is not necessary. . . .We  
41 find no error in the trial court’s ruling on this point.” Although *Louisiana Electorate v. Connick* is  
42 an appellate court decision, the Louisiana Supreme Court denied writs in this case, 916 So. 2d  
43 1062 (La. 2005).  
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45 At the time this case was decided, R.S. 14:89(A)(1) read as follows:  
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1 Article I, § 2 of the Louisiana constitution because they receive a *de facto* criminal sentence to  
2 hard labor without being afforded the right to trial by jury as is mandated by Article I, § 17 of our  
3 state constitution. . . . LSA-RS 15:902.1 as applied in conjunction with Regulation B-02-008,  
4 transfers juveniles to adult facilities where they are to be treated no differently than the adult felons  
5 with whom they are confined. . . . We therefore hold that the statute through its corresponding  
6 regulation has sufficiently tilted the scales away from a ‘civil’ proceeding, with its focus on  
7 rehabilitation, to one purely criminal. Due process and fundamental fairness therefore require that  
8 the juvenile who is going to be incarcerated at hard labor in an adult penal facility must have been  
9 convicted of a crime by a criminal jury, not simply adjudicated a delinquent by a juvenile court  
10 judge. To deprive the juvenile of such an important procedural safeguard upsets the quid pro quo  
11 under which the juvenile system must operate.”

12  
13 The Supreme Court’s decision in *In re C.B.* held R.S. 15:902.1 unconstitutional *as applied*  
14 *by Regulation B-02-008*. A footnote in the opinion explains that “[t]he Department of Public  
15 Safety and Corrections published notice of its intent to formally adopt this rule, *23 Louisiana*  
16 *Register* 22:335 (August, 1997); however, before it could do so, a second emergency rule was  
17 enacted on November 6, 1997. This second emergency rule is not properly before this Court for  
18 review as it was not in effect at the time of the challenged transfers.”

19  
20 **Recommendation:** It was recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the *In*  
21 *re C.B.* decision at R.S. 15:902.1 to assure consistent reporting. The validity note following R.S.  
22 15:902.1 reads as follows:

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24 “The Louisiana Supreme Court declared R.S. 15:902.1, relating to the transfer of  
25 adjudicated juvenile delinquents to adult correctional facilities, as enacted by Acts 1997,  
26 No. 1063, § 1, unconstitutional as applied by Regulation B-02-008 in *In re C.B.*, 708 So.2d  
27 391 (La.), insofar as transferred juveniles were subject to hard labor in adult correctional  
28 facilities without being adjudicated as criminals. See Notes of Decisions”  
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32 **R.S. 17:286.1 to 17:286.7. The Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-  
33 Science Act\***

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35 This Subpart shall be known as the “Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and  
36 Evolution-Science Act.”

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38 Held unconstitutional by *Edwards v. Aguillard*, 482 U.S. 578, 596-97 (1987): “The Louisiana  
39 Creationism Act advances a religious doctrine by requiring either the banishment of the theory of  
40 evolution from public school classrooms or the presentation of a religious viewpoint that rejects  
41 evolution in its entirety. The Act violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment  
42 because it seeks to employ the symbolic and financial support of government to achieve a religious  
43 purpose.”  
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1 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 17:286.1 through 286.7 in  
2 their entirety.  
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6 **R.S. 24:513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records;  
7 assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena power\***  
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11 (J)(4)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, any entity which  
12 establishes scholastic rules which are the basis for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
13 Education's policy required by R.S. 17:176 to be adhered to by all high schools under the board's  
14 jurisdiction shall not be required to be audited by the legislative auditor but shall file an audit with  
15 the legislative auditor and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council which has been prepared by an  
16 auditing firm which has been approved by the legislative auditor. Such entity shall submit such  
17 audit to the legislative auditor and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council.  
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19 (b) The Legislative Audit Advisory Council may order an audit by the legislative auditor  
20 upon a finding of cause by the council.  
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24 Held unconstitutional by *Louisiana High School Athletics Association v. State*, 107 So. 3d 583,  
25 608-09 (La. 2013): “Appellants fail to show, and we fail to see, how this statute is rationally related  
26 to a legitimate state end. Thus, we find La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(a) is unconstitutional under the Equal  
27 Protection Clause. Since we have found La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(a) unconstitutional, we must also  
28 find La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(b) unconstitutional, as it cannot stand alone. La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(b)  
29 provides, “[t]he Legislative Audit Advisory Council may order an audit by the legislative auditor  
30 upon a finding of cause by the council.” This is in reference to the requirement in La. R.S.  
31 24:513(J)(4)(a) that the entity file an audit with the LLA and the Legislative Audit Advisory  
32 Council. Thus, La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(b) applies only if La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(a) applies. We find  
33 La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(b) cannot be severed from La. R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(a) and must also be struck  
34 down as unconstitutional.”  
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36 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 24:513(J)(4)(a) and (b) in  
37 their entirety.  
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1 **R.S. 32:57. Penalties; alternatives to citation\***

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5 G.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who is found  
6 guilty, pleads guilty, or pleads nolo contendere to any motor vehicle offense when the citation was  
7 issued for a violation on the Huey P. Long Bridge or the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge or  
8 approaches to and from such bridges by police employed by the Greater New Orleans Expressway  
9 Commission shall pay an additional cost of five dollars.

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11 (2) All proceeds generated by this additional cost shall be deposited into the state treasury.

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15 Prior version held unconstitutional by *State v. Lanclos*, 980 So. 2d 643, 654 (La. 2008): “The issue  
16 presented in this case is whether the \$5.00 fee assessed pursuant to La. R.S. 32:57(G) is a tax  
17 collected by the courts, and thus a violation of the separation of powers doctrine found in La.  
18 Const. art. II. . . . [T]he question that we must answer in this case is whether the fee imposed by La.  
19 R.S. 32:57(G) is sufficiently related to the administration of justice to pass constitutional muster.  
20 Once collected, the \$5.00 assessment imposed by La. R.S. 32:57(G) is deposited in the state’s  
21 general treasury. . . . We agree with the defendant that La. R.S. 32:57(G) is a charge that has as its  
22 primary purpose the raising of revenue, and is, therefore, a “tax.” As provided in the statute, the  
23 \$5.00 cost is collected for the purpose of supplementing police salaries and acquisition and  
24 maintenance of police equipment. Funding police salaries and the maintenance of police  
25 equipment are the responsibility of the local tax collection authorities, not the judiciary. Although  
26 a police department may be considered to be a ‘link in the chain’ of the criminal justice system,  
27 and there is some logical connection between a police department and the criminal justice system,  
28 we find that police salaries and uniform equipment maintenance is too far attenuated from the  
29 ‘administration of justice,’ to be considered a legitimate court cost. To hold otherwise would start  
30 us down a slippery slope, and we must draw the line at some point. Every expense incurred by the  
31 police department in its role in enforcing the laws of this state cannot be funded through “court  
32 costs.” To do so would overly burden and unduly infringe on the court’s administration of the  
33 judicial court system. Accordingly, we affirm the trial court’s finding that the \$5.00 assessment  
34 provided in La. R.S. 32:57(G) is a ‘tax’ funded through the judiciary in violation of the doctrine  
35 of separation of powers. For the above reasons, we affirm the judgment of the First Parish Court  
36 finding that R.S. 32:57(G) is unconstitutional.”

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38 At the time this case was decided, R.S. 32:57(G)(2) read as follows:

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40 **§57. Penalties; alternatives to citation**

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44 G. \* \* \*

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1 (2) All proceeds generated by this additional cost shall be deposited into the  
2 state treasury. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B)  
3 of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption  
4 Fund, and prior to monies being placed in the state general fund, an amount equal  
5 to that deposited as required in this Subsection shall be credited to a special fund  
6 hereby created in the state treasury to be known as the Greater New Orleans  
7 Expressway Commission Additional Cost Fund. The monies in this fund shall be  
8 appropriated by the legislature to the Greater New Orleans Expressway  
9 Commission and shall be used by the commission to supplement the salaries of  
10 P.O.S.T. certified officers and for the acquisition or upkeep of police equipment.  
11 All unexpended and unencumbered monies in this fund at the end of the fiscal year  
12 shall remain in such fund. The monies in this fund shall be invested by the state  
13 treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and interest earned  
14 on the investment of monies shall be credited to this fund, again, following  
15 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution,  
16 relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. The monies appropriated by  
17 the legislature pursuant to this Paragraph shall not displace, replace, or supplant  
18 appropriations otherwise made from the general fund for the Greater New Orleans  
19 Expressway Commission.  
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23 After the Louisiana Supreme Court’s decision, the legislature amended R.S. 37:57(G)(2) in Acts  
24 2012, No. 834 to eliminate the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission Additional Cost  
25 Fund, which remedied the unconstitutional attenuation between the collection of the five-dollar  
26 assessment and the purpose of funding police salaries and maintaining police equipment. However,  
27 this amendment did not address the issue of whether this five-dollar assessment is a tax collected  
28 by the courts in violation of the Louisiana Constitution’s separation of powers doctrine. In fact,  
29 Paragraph (1) of R.S. 37:57(G) has remained the same throughout the revision, along with the first  
30 (and now only) sentence of Paragraph (2), which provides that the proceeds generated by this five-  
31 dollar assessment shall be deposited into the state treasury. As a result, it is likely that R.S.  
32 32:57(G) as presently written remains unconstitutional under the *Lancls* court’s decision.  
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34 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the *State*  
35 *v. Lancls* decision in a validity note following R.S. 32:57.  
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39 **R.S. 39:1951 to 39:1993. Louisiana Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise Act\***  
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41 A. The purpose and intent of this Chapter is to provide the maximum practical opportunity  
42 for increased participation by the broadest number of minority-owned businesses in public works  
43 and the increased participation by minority-owned businesses and women's business enterprises  
44 in the process by which goods and services are procured by state agencies and educational  
45 institutions from the private sector. This purpose will be accomplished by encouraging the full use

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1 of the broadest number of existing minority-owned businesses and women's business enterprises  
2 and the entry of new and diversified minority-owned businesses and women's business enterprises  
3 into the marketplace. This Chapter shall be applied and interpreted to promote this purpose.  
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5 B. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Louisiana Minority and Women's  
6 Business Enterprise Act”.  
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8 Held unconstitutional by *Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc. v. State*, 669 So. 2d  
9 1185, 1200-01 (La. 1996): “The Act on its face sets up a system whereby state agencies are  
10 mandated to meet ‘annual goals for participation by certified minority business enterprises.’” The  
11 goals are to be met under the Act mainly through the use of set-asides and also through preferences  
12 in the awarding of public works and procurement contracts. Generally speaking, with regard to the  
13 set-asides, when a contract is designated as a minority set-aside project, only certified minority  
14 business enterprises may bid. As explained earlier, only members of certain races can obtain a  
15 minority business enterprise designation. Therefore, the set-aside provisions under the Act  
16 discriminate against members of those races which cannot obtain a minority business enterprise  
17 designation because they cannot bid on the set-aside project. The Act deprives certain citizens of  
18 the opportunity to compete for contracts which have been set aside solely on the basis of race,  
19 thereby creating an absolutely prohibited racial classification. . . . In sum, the Act provides to  
20 members of certain designated races and excludes from members of non-designated races the  
21 opportunity to bid on certain contracts and the opportunity to match the lowest bid made by a non-  
22 minority bidder and thereby obtain the contract on certain 22 other projects. The set-asides and  
23 preferences under the Act clearly discriminate against a person on the basis of race, and the Act,  
24 to that extent, is unconstitutional under La. Const. Art. I, Sec. 3.”  
25

26 Additionally, the Louisiana Supreme Court concluded that “the legislature would not have passed  
27 the Act without the presence of the minority business enterprise set-aside and preference features.  
28 The unconstitutional portions of the law having to do with these racially based set-asides and  
29 preferences are so interrelated with the remaining portions of the Act . . . that they cannot be  
30 separated without destroying the intent of the legislature in enacting the law. We find the remaining  
31 portions of the Act are not severable from the unconstitutional portions; therefore, the entire Act  
32 is unconstitutional.” *Id.* at 1202.  
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34 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 39:1951 through 1993 in  
35 their entirety.  
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39 **R.S. 39:1962. Construction of public works; two hundred thousand dollars or more\***  
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41 A. When a contract for the construction of public works in an amount of two hundred  
42 thousand dollars or more is to be awarded by the facility planning and control section of the  
43 division of administration on the basis of competitive bidding under Chapter 10 of Title 38 or  
44 Chapter 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the award shall be made to a  
45 minority-owned business certified under the provisions of this Chapter when the price bid by such

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1 business is within five percent of the otherwise lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose  
2 bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids. However, the provisions  
3 of this Subsection shall apply only when the certified minority-owned business is the prime  
4 contractor.

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6 B. If there is no certified minority-owned business whose bid is within the range established  
7 under Subsection A of this Section, the award shall go to the lowest responsive and responsible  
8 bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids without  
9 regard to minority status.

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11 C. In the event that the minority-owned business is awarded the contract by bidding within  
12 five percent of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as provided in Subsections A and B  
13 of this Section, the minority-owned business shall adjust its bid to correspond to the bid of the  
14 otherwise lowest responsive or responsible bidder that would have been awarded the contract, but  
15 in no case shall the adjustment be by more than five percent.

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17 D. The contracts awarded to minority-owned businesses pursuant to this Section shall not  
18 exceed ten percent of the total dollar amount of the contracts awarded by the facility planning and  
19 control section of the division of administration, and shall not exceed ten percent of the total dollar  
20 amount of the contracts awarded by the Department of Transportation and Development.

21  
22 Held unconstitutional by *Louisiana Associated General Contractors, Inc. v. State*, 669 So. 2d  
23 1185, 1201 (La. 1996): “Likewise, certain provisions under the Act, most specifically La. R.S.  
24 39:1962, create a system of preferences which generally operate such that although members of  
25 all races can bid on the project, a certified minority business will receive the contract if his bid is  
26 within five percent of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder provided he agrees to adjust  
27 his bid to the amount of the original lowest bid. Preferences such as this also discriminate against  
28 non-minority business enterprises. . . . Therefore, with respect to preferences, the Act on its faces  
29 treats business enterprises differently solely because of the race of its owners and officers. . . . The  
30 . . . preferences under the Act clearly discriminate against a person on the basis of race, and the  
31 Act, to that extent, is unconstitutional under La. Const. Art. I, Sec. 3.”

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33 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 39:1962 in its entirety.

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37 **R.S. 42:39. Judges; ineligibility to become candidate for other elective office; conditions and**  
38 **exceptions\***

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40 A. After July 31, 1968, no person serving in or elected or appointed to the office of judge  
41 of any court, justices of the peace excepted, shall be eligible to hold or become a candidate for any  
42 national, state or local elective office of any kind whatsoever, including any national, state or local  
43 office in any political party organization, other than a candidate for the office of judge for the same  
44 or any other court.

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1 B. The provisions of Subsection (A) of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting  
2 any person from resigning from his office as judge of any court for the purpose of becoming a  
3 candidate for nomination or election to any national, state or local elective office for which he is  
4 qualified and eligible; provided, however, that the resignation of any such person shall be and is  
5 made not less than twenty-four hours prior to the date on which he qualifies as a candidate for  
6 nomination or election to the office to which he seeks nomination or election.  
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8 C. If any judge elected or appointed, justice of the peace excepted, qualifies for any other  
9 elective position, other than those allowed by the provisions of this section, without complying  
10 with the provisions of Subsection (B) set forth above, his qualification as a candidate for the other  
11 office shall ipso facto be null and void.  
12

13 Exception for justices of the peace held unenforceable by *In re Freeman*, 995 So. 2d 1197, 1206-  
14 07 (La. 2008): “The exception for justices of the peace provided in La. R.S. 42:39 conflicts with  
15 the mandate in Canon 7(I) that all judges, including justices of the peace, shall resign their judicial  
16 offices when they become candidates for non-judicial offices. Therefore, we must determine  
17 whether justices of the peace who wish to become candidates for non-judicial offices are governed  
18 exclusively by the provisions of Canon 7(I) or whether the statutory exception of La. R.S. 42:39  
19 has any impact in this situation. . . . The provisions of La. R.S. 42:39 were enacted prior to this  
20 court’s adoption of the Code and prior to the legislature’s recognition in La. R.S. 42:1167 that  
21 judges, as defined by the Code, shall be governed exclusively by the Code. While La. R.S. 42:39  
22 was perhaps useful at one time, its exception for justices of the peace is now directly in conflict  
23 with La. R.S. 42:1167 and Canon 7(I) of the Code. . . . Because the Code, including its prohibition  
24 of judges becoming candidates for non-judicial offices prior to resigning their judicial offices, is  
25 the exclusive means by which judges’ conduct is governed, the exception provided in La. R.S.  
26 42:1167 [*sic, correct citation is La. R.S. 42:39*] cannot be relied upon or enforced. Canon 7(I),  
27 adopted pursuant to this court’s constitutional authority, is controlling and cannot be made to yield  
28 to a legislative enactment that conflicts with this authority.”  
29

30 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature amend R.S. 42:39 to remove the  
31 exception for justices of the peace as follows:  
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33 A. ~~After July 31, 1968, n~~No person serving in or elected or appointed to the office  
34 of judge of any court, ~~justices of the peace excepted,~~ shall be eligible to hold or become  
35 a candidate for any national, state or local elective office of any kind whatsoever, including  
36 any national, state or local office in any political party organization, other than a candidate  
37 for the office of judge for the same or any other court.  
38

39 B. The provisions of Subsection (A) of this section shall not be construed as  
40 prohibiting any person from resigning from his office as judge of any court for the purpose  
41 of becoming a candidate for nomination or election to any national, state or local elective  
42 office for which he is qualified and eligible; provided, however, that the resignation of any  
43 such person shall be and is made not less than twenty-four hours prior to the date on which  
44 he qualifies as a candidate for nomination or election to the office to which he seeks  
45 nomination or election.  
46

1 C. If any judge elected or appointed, ~~justice of the peace excepted~~, qualifies for  
2 any other elective position, other than those allowed by the provisions of this section,  
3 without complying with the provisions of Subsection (B) set forth above, his qualification  
4 as a candidate for the other office shall ipso facto be null and void.  
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8 **R.S. 42:1141.4. Notice and procedure\***  
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12 L. (1) It shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than two thousand dollars  
13 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for any member of the Board of Ethics, its  
14 executive secretary, other employee, or **any other person**, other than the person who is subject to  
15 the investigation or complaint, to make public the testimony taken at a private investigation or  
16 private hearing of the Board of Ethics or to make any public statement or give out any information  
17 concerning a private investigation or private hearing of the Board of Ethics without the written  
18 request of the public servant or other person investigated.  
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22 Held unconstitutional by *King v. Caldwell ex rel. Louisiana*, 21 F. Supp. 3d 651, 656-57 (E.D.  
23 La. 2014): “Insofar as the statute makes it a crime for ‘any other person,’ besides the subject of an  
24 ethics investigation, ‘to make any public statement or give out any information concerning a  
25 private investigation or private hearing of the Board of Ethics’ absent the subject of the  
26 investigation’s written request, the statute is impermissibly overbroad. . . . The Court hereby  
27 declares La. R.S. 42:1141.4(L)(1) invalid insofar as it prohibits ‘any other person’ from ‘mak[ing]  
28 any public statement or giv[ing] out any information concerning a private investigation or private  
29 hearing of the Board of Ethics.’”  
30

31 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature amend R.S. 42:1141.4(L)(1) to remove  
32 the “any other person” language as follows:  
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34 (L)(1) It shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than two  
35 thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for any member of  
36 the Board of Ethics, its executive secretary, or other employee, ~~or any other person~~, other  
37 than ~~the a~~ person who is the subject ~~to of~~ the investigation or complaint, to make public  
38 the testimony taken at a private investigation or private hearing of the Board of Ethics or  
39 to make any public statement or give out any information concerning a private investigation  
40 or private hearing of the Board of Ethics without the written request of the public servant  
41 or other person investigated.  
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43 The legislature may wish to consider whether any other categories of individuals can or should be  
44 prohibited from making a public statement or giving out information concerning a private  
45 investigation or private hearing of the Board of Ethics.

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1 (13)(a) “Sales price” means the total amount for which tangible personal property is sold,  
2 less the market value of any article traded in including any services, except services for financing,  
3 that are a part of the sale valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and includes the  
4 cost of materials used, labor or service costs, except costs for financing which shall not exceed the  
5 legal interest rate and a service charge not to exceed six percent of the amount financed, and losses;  
6 provided that cash discounts allowed and taken on sales shall not be included, nor shall the sales  
7 price include the amount charged for labor or services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling,  
8 or repairing property sold.

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12 Held unconstitutional by *Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. v. Cocreham*, 317 So. 2d 605, 613-15 (La.  
13 1975): “Having found that transportation cost is an includable element (added value) in  
14 determining the use tax basis as applied to the out of state manufacturer-user, we turn now to the  
15 question of whether the tax as so applied is unenforceable because illegally discriminatory in  
16 violation of the protection guaranteed by the commerce clause of the United States Constitution.  
17 Neither the sales nor use tax is imposed upon the in-state manufacturer-user for comparable  
18 transportation costs. . . . [D]iscrimination is evident since the out of state purchaser pays use tax  
19 fully on the element of transportation cost from state boundary to job site (or plant) while the in-  
20 state purchaser pays no tax (sales or use) on transportation cost from in-state retail shop to plant  
21 (and/or job site). . . . We conclude that insofar as the use tax is imposed upon the element of  
22 transportation cost for shipping . . . from out of state plant to in-state job site, it is unconstitutional  
23 and unenforceable because in violation of the commerce clause of the United States Constitution.”  
24 Also held unconstitutional by *Pensacola Const. Co. v. McNamara*, 558 So. 2d 231, 233-34 (La.  
25 1990): “The purpose of a state sales/use tax scheme is to make all tangible property sold or used  
26 subject to a uniform tax burden regardless of whether it is acquired inside the state and subject to  
27 a sales tax or acquired outside the state and subject to a use tax. . . . The use tax imposed by LSA-  
28 R.S. 47:301(3)(a) on transportation or freight charges is unconstitutional because there is no  
29 parallel assessment of sales tax. The statute has not been amended since *Chicago Bridge* to correct  
30 the unconstitutional discrimination between out-of-state and in-state sales.”

31  
32 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Amend R.S.  
33 47:301(3)(a) to remove the inclusion of “transportation charges” as follows, which would reflect  
34 current practice:

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36 (3)(a) “Cost price” means the actual cost of the articles of tangible personal property  
37 without any deductions therefrom on account of the cost of materials used, labor, or service  
38 cost, except those service costs for installing the articles of tangible personal property if  
39 such cost is separately billed to the customer at the time of installation, **transportation**  
40 **charges**, or any other expenses whatsoever, or the reasonable market value of the tangible  
41 personal property at the time it becomes susceptible to the use tax, whichever is less.

42  
43 Or (2) Amend R.S. 47:301(13)(a) to include “transportation charges” as follows, which would  
44 result in a tax increase:

1 (13)(a) "Sales price" means the total amount for which tangible personal property  
2 is sold, less the market value of any article traded in including any services, except services  
3 for financing, that are a part of the sale valued in money, whether paid in money or  
4 otherwise, and includes the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, except costs for  
5 financing which shall not exceed the legal interest rate and a service charge not to exceed  
6 six percent of the amount financed, transportation charges, and losses; provided that cash  
7 discounts allowed and taken on sales shall not be included, nor shall the sales price include  
8 the amount charged for labor or services rendered in installing, applying, remodeling, or  
9 repairing property sold.  
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13 **PROVISIONS OF LAW DECLARED OR RECOGNIZED AS PREEMPTED**  
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15 **Article X, Section 29. Retirement and Survivor's Benefits\***  
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19 (E)(5) All assets, proceeds, or income of the state and statewide public retirement systems,  
20 and all contributions and payments made to the system to provide for retirement and related  
21 benefits shall be held, invested as authorized by law, or disbursed as in trust for the exclusive  
22 purpose of providing such benefits, refunds, and administrative expenses under the management  
23 of the boards of trustees and shall not be encumbered for or diverted to any other purpose. The  
24 accrued benefits of members of any state or statewide public retirement system shall not be  
25 diminished or impaired.  
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29 Prior version limited on preemption grounds by *U.S. v. DeCay*, 620 F.3d 534, 543 (La. App. 5 Cir.  
30 2010): "The appellants assert that the United States lacks the authority to garnish DeCay's and  
31 Barre's pension benefits because Louisiana law precludes enforcement of a restitution order against  
32 pension benefits. *See* LA. CONST. art. X, § 29(E)(5)(a) (1974); La.Rev.Stat. § 11:2182 (1991).  
33 To the extent Louisiana law is inconsistent with the FDCPA and MVRA, Louisiana law is  
34 preempted. . . . In sum, the MVRA authorizes the United States to use its civil enforcement powers  
35 to garnish a defendant's retirement plan benefits, notwithstanding the fact that pension benefits are  
36 generally inalienable under federal and state law."  
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38 At the time this case was decided, the 2010 version of Const. Art. X, § 29(E)(5)(a) read as follows:  
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40 **§29. Retirement and Survivor's Benefits**  
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44 (E) Actuarial Soundness. \* \* \*  
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1 (5)(a) All assets, proceeds, or income of the state and statewide public  
2 retirement systems, and all contributions and payments made to the system to  
3 provide for retirement and related benefits shall be held, invested as authorized by  
4 law, or disbursed as in trust for the exclusive purpose of providing such benefits,  
5 refunds, and administrative expenses under the management of the boards of  
6 trustees and shall not be encumbered for or diverted to any other purpose. The  
7 accrued benefits of members of any state or statewide public retirement system  
8 shall not be diminished or impaired.

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12 After the Fifth Circuit’s decision, the legislature proposed a constitutional amendment in Acts  
13 2010, No. 1048 to Article X, § 29(E)(5) to change Subparagraph (E)(5)(b) to Paragraph (F),  
14 thereby converting Subparagraph (E)(5)(a) to Paragraph (E)(5), effective November 2010.  
15 Nevertheless, the substance of the provision remained the same.

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17 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the  
18 *DeCay* decision in a validity note following La. Const. Art. X, Sec. 29.

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22 **R.S. 11:2182. Exemption from execution\***

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24 Any annuity, retirement allowance or benefits, or refund of contributions, or any optional  
25 benefit or any other benefit paid to any person under the provisions of the Sheriffs' Pension and  
26 Relief Fund is exempt from any state or municipal tax and is exempt from levy and sale,  
27 garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, except as provided in R.S. 11:292, and  
28 is unassignable.

29  
30 Limited on preemption grounds by *U.S. v. DeCay*, 620 F.3d 534, 543 (5th Cir. 2010): “The  
31 appellants assert that the United States lacks the authority to garnish DeCay's and Barre's pension  
32 benefits because Louisiana law precludes enforcement of a restitution order against pension  
33 benefits. *See* LA. CONST. art. X, § 29(E)(5)(a) (1974); La.Rev.Stat. § 11:2182 (1991). To the  
34 extent Louisiana law is inconsistent with the FDCPA and MVRA, Louisiana law is preempted. . .  
35 In sum, the MVRA authorizes the United States to use its civil enforcement powers to garnish a  
36 defendant's retirement plan benefits, notwithstanding the fact that pension benefits are generally  
37 inalienable under federal and state law.”

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39 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the  
40 *DeCay* decision in a validity note following R.S. 11:2182.

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1 **R.S. 14:100.13. Operating a vehicle without lawful presence in the United States\***  
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3 A. No alien student or nonresident alien shall operate a motor vehicle in the state without  
4 documentation demonstrating that the person is lawfully present in the United States.  
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6 B. Upon arrest of a person for operating a vehicle without lawful presence in the United  
7 States, law enforcement officials shall seize the driver's license and immediately surrender such  
8 license to the office of motor vehicles for cancellation and shall immediately notify the INS of the  
9 name and location of the person.  
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11 C. Whoever commits the crime of driving without lawful presence in the United States  
12 shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than one year, with or  
13 without hard labor, or both.  
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15 Preempted by *State v. Sarrabea*, 126 So. 3d 453, 465 (La. 2013): “Because La. R.S. 14:100.13  
16 operates in the field of alien registration as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Arizona*, by  
17 regulating the circumstances under which non-citizens carry documentation establishing proof of  
18 lawful status, the statute is preempted under the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, as  
19 interpreted by controlling federal jurisprudence.”  
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21 Held unconstitutional by *State v. Gomez*, 115 So. 3d 1200, 1202-04 (La. App. 3rd Cir. 2013): “In  
22 *Arizona [v. United States]*, 132 S.Ct. 2492 [(2012)], the United States Supreme Court reviewed  
23 the validity of four provisions of Arizona statute S.B. 1070, a statute enacted to address the issues  
24 relating to the large number of unlawful aliens in that state. . . . The Supreme Court held Section  
25 3 was preempted by federal law. . . . We find that Louisiana's statute, La. R.S. 14:100.13(A), is  
26 similar to Section 3 of Arizona's statute. Both forbid the willful failure to carry documentation  
27 demonstrating a lawful presence in the United States. Both provide a penalty in excess of the  
28 penalty provided by federal law. . . . [W]e find that La. R.S. 14:100.13 is unconstitutional because  
29 it is field preempted. Like Arizona's statute, Louisiana requires aliens to carry registration  
30 documents. The Supreme Court has held in *Arizona*, 132 S.Ct. 2492, that such a requirement  
31 intrudes on the field of alien registration that federal law has already occupied. Accordingly, we  
32 hold that Louisiana's statute is field preempted. Further, we find that La. R.S. 14:100.13 is also  
33 conflict preempted. Louisiana's statute makes a felony of an offense federal law considers a  
34 misdemeanor. The Supreme Court found fault with a similar provision in Arizona's statute.  
35 Accordingly, we hold that La. R.S. 14:100.13 is unconstitutional.” Although *State v. Gomez* is an  
36 appellate court decision, the Louisiana Supreme Court dismissed an appeal from the decision as  
37 moot, 133 So. 3d 669 (La. 2014) and also denied writs in this case, 133 So. 3d 671 (La. 2014).  
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39 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 14:100.13 in its entirety.  
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\* First included in the 2016 biennial report.

1 **APPENDIX A: PROVISIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAW INSTITUTE’S INITIAL**  
2 **BIENNIAL REPORT THAT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE LEGISLATURE**

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4 **Revised Statutes**

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6 **R.S. 14:30. First degree murder**

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10 C. (1) If the district attorney seeks a capital verdict, the offender shall be punished by death  
11 or life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence,  
12 in accordance with the determination of the jury. The provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure  
13 Article 782 relative to cases in which punishment may be capital shall apply.

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15 (2) If the district attorney does not seek a capital verdict, the offender shall be punished by  
16 life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence. The  
17 provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 782 relative to cases in which punishment is  
18 necessarily confinement at hard labor shall apply.

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22 **R.S. 14:30.1. Second degree murder**

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26 B. Whoever commits the crime of second degree murder shall be punished by life  
27 imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

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29 **Note to the Legislature**

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31 No recommendations with respect to R.S. 14:30(C) and 30.1(B) were included in the Law  
32 Institute’s initial unconstitutional statutes biennial report to the legislature. However, it appeared  
33 that both of these provisions were limited on constitutional grounds by the United States Supreme  
34 Court’s holding in *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S. Ct. 2455, 2469, 2475 (2012):

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36 “We therefore hold that the Eighth Amendment forbids a sentencing scheme that  
37 mandates life in prison without possibility of parole for juvenile offenders. . .  
38 .*Graham, Roper*, and our individualized sentencing decisions make clear that a  
39 judge or jury must have the opportunity to consider mitigating circumstances before  
40 imposing the harshest possible penalty for juveniles. By requiring that all children  
41 convicted of homicide receive lifetime incarceration without possibility of parole,  
42 regardless of their age and age-related characteristics and the nature of their crimes,  
43 the mandatory sentencing schemes before us violate this principle of  
44 proportionality, and so the Eighth Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual  
45 punishment.”

1 A prior version of R.S. 14:30.1 was also held unconstitutional as applied by the Second  
2 Circuit in *State v. Fletcher*, 112 So. 3d 1031 (La. App. 2 Cir. 2013), *writ denied* by 171 So. 3d 945  
3 (La. 2015) and *certiorari denied* by 136 S. Ct. 254 (2015): “[C]onsidering the fact that the trial  
4 court imposed the mandatory sentence pursuant to La. R.S. 14:30.1, we find that we must vacate  
5 the defendant’s sentence and remand this case . . . Relying on jurisprudence, we find that the  
6 defendant’s mandatory sentence of two concurrent terms of life imprisonment at hard labor,  
7 without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, violates *Graham, supra*, and  
8 *Miller, supra*.”  
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10 At the time this case was decided, Paragraph B of R.S. 14:30.1 read exactly as it appears  
11 above. Acts 2015, No. 184 amended Paragraph (A)(2) of the provision in conjunction with  
12 amendments that designated the offenses of aggravated and forcible rape as first and second degree  
13 rape, respectively, but the provision’s mandatory imposition of life imprisonment without the  
14 benefit of parole has not changed. Additionally, R.S. 15:574.4(E) had not yet been enacted by the  
15 legislature as of the rendition of this opinion. In fact, the *Fletcher* court recognized that although  
16 R.S. 15:574.4(D) applies to juvenile offenders who were sentenced to life imprisonment for the  
17 conviction of certain offenses, it “does not apply to juveniles serving a life sentence for a  
18 conviction of first degree or second degree murder.” The court further noted that “[t]he State of  
19 Louisiana does not currently have a statute that would afford a juvenile offender convicted of first  
20 or second degree murder consideration for parole.”  
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22 However, mere months after this opinion was rendered, in Acts 2013, No. 239, the  
23 legislature enacted both Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1 and R.S. 15:574.4(E), which  
24 prior to the 2017 Regular Session provided that a person who is serving a sentence of life  
25 imprisonment for first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) or second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) and  
26 who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense “shall be  
27 eligible for parole consideration” provided that all of the conditions set forth in the provision are  
28 met and “a judicial determination has been made that the person is entitled to parole eligibility  
29 pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1.” Both of these provisions were enacted in  
30 response to the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Miller v. Alabama* and were being  
31 applied prospectively only until the Court’s decision in *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, 136 S.Ct. 718  
32 (2016).  
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34 In the *Montgomery* case, the United States Supreme Court concluded that  
35 “[b]ecause *Miller* determined that sentencing a child to life without parole is excessive for all but  
36 “ ‘the rare juvenile offender whose crime reflects irreparable corruption,’ ” 567 U.S., at —, 132  
37 S.Ct., at 2469 (quoting *Roper, supra*, at 573, 125 S.Ct. 1183), it rendered life without parole an  
38 unconstitutional penalty for “a class of defendants because of their status”—that is, juvenile  
39 offenders whose crimes reflect the transient immaturity of youth. *Penry*, 492 U.S., at 330, 109  
40 S.Ct. 2934. As a result, *Miller* announced a substantive rule of constitutional law. Like other  
41 substantive rules, *Miller* is retroactive because it “ ‘necessarily carr[ies] a significant risk that a  
42 defendant’ ”—here, the vast majority of juvenile offenders—“ ‘faces a punishment that the law  
43 cannot impose upon him.’ ” *Schriro*, 542 U.S., at 352, 124 S.Ct. 2519 (quoting *Bousley v. United*  
44 *States*, 523 U.S. 614, 620, 118 S.Ct. 1604, 140 L.Ed.2d 828 (1998)).”  
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1           Consequently, during the 2017 Regular Session, the legislature enacted a series of  
2 amendments in Acts 2017, No. 277 to R.S. 15:574.4 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article  
3 878.1. R.S. 15:574.4(F) now provides that if a person was under the age of eighteen at the time of  
4 the commission of the offense of second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1), for which he is serving a  
5 sentence of life imprisonment, and was indicted on or after August 1, 2017, the person “shall be  
6 eligible for parole consideration” provided that all of the conditions set forth in the provision are  
7 met. R.S. 15:574.4(E) provides the same with respect to first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) and  
8 further conditions eligibility for parole consideration upon whether a “judicial determination has  
9 been made that the person is entitled to parole eligibility pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure  
10 Article 878.1(A).” One of these conditions, that the offender has served a certain number of years  
11 of the sentence imposed, was also amended by the Act to reduce this amount of time from thirty  
12 to twenty-five years. Additionally, Paragraph A of Article 878.1 now provides that if the juvenile  
13 offender was indicted for the offense of first degree murder on or after August 1, 2017, “the district  
14 attorney may file a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of  
15 parole within one hundred eighty days after the indictment,” in which case “a hearing shall be  
16 conducted after conviction and prior to sentencing to determine whether the sentence shall be  
17 imposed with or without parole eligibility” pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(E).

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19           Additionally, R.S. 15:574.4(G) provides that if a person was under the age of eighteen at  
20 the time of the commission of the offense of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30), or second degree  
21 murder (R.S. 14:30.1), for which he is serving a sentence of life imprisonment, and was indicted  
22 prior to August 1, 2017, the person “shall be eligible for parole consideration” provided that all of  
23 the conditions set forth in the provision are met and a “judicial determination has been made that  
24 the person is entitled to parole eligibility pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article  
25 878.1(B).” Paragraph B of Article 878.1 then provides that if the juvenile offender was indicted  
26 for the offense of first or second degree murder prior to August 1, 2017 and a hearing was not held  
27 pursuant to this Article, “the district attorney may file a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life  
28 imprisonment without possibility of parole within ninety days of August 1, 2017,” in which case  
29 “a hearing shall be conducted to determine whether the sentence shall be imposed with or without  
30 parole eligibility” pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(G). However, if the district attorney  
31 fails to timely file the notice of intent, the juvenile offender will be eligible for parole pursuant to  
32 R.S. 15:574.4(E). And, if a hearing was held prior to August 1, 2017, the juvenile offender’s parole  
33 eligibility pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(G) will be decided based on the court’s  
34 determination at the hearing.

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36           The Law Institute considered the recent enactments of R.S. 15:574.4(F) and (G) and  
37 amendments to R.S. 14:574.4(E) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1, as well as the  
38 appellate courts’ decisions in *State v. Fletcher*, 149 So. 3d 934 (La. App. 2 Cir. 2014), *State v.*  
39 *Graham*, 171 So. 3d 372 (La. App. 1 Cir. 2015), *State v. Doise*, 185 So. 3d 335 (La. App. 3 Cir.  
40 2016), *State v. Williams*, 186 So. 3d 242 (La. App. 4 Cir. 2016), and *State v. Ross*, 182 So. 3d 983  
41 (La. App. 5 Cir. 2014), all of which either held or suggested that the legislature was not required  
42 to amend the substantive provisions themselves to provide for parole eligibility for juvenile  
43 offenders. Ultimately, the Law Institute determined that both of these provisions are likely no  
44 longer unconstitutional and, as a result, no recommendations with respect to them are made in this  
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**R.S. 14:42. First degree rape**

A. First degree rape is a rape committed upon a person sixty-five years of age or older or where the anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse is deemed to be without lawful consent of the victim because it is committed under any one or more of the following circumstances:

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(4) When the victim is under the age of thirteen years. Lack of knowledge of the victim's age shall not be a defense.

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D. (1) Whoever commits the crime of first degree rape shall be punished by life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

(2) However, if the victim was under the age of thirteen years, as provided by Paragraph A(4) of this Section:

(a) And if the district attorney seeks a capital verdict, the offender shall be punished by death or life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, in accordance with the determination of the jury. The provisions of C.Cr.P. Art. 782 relative to cases in which punishment may be capital shall apply.

(b) And if the district attorney does not seek a capital verdict, the offender shall be punished by life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence. The provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 782 relative to cases in which punishment is necessarily confinement at hard labor shall apply.

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**R.S. 14:44. Aggravated kidnapping**

Aggravated kidnapping is the doing of any of the following acts with the intent thereby to force the victim, or some other person, to give up anything of apparent present or prospective value, or to grant any advantage or immunity, in order to secure a release of the person under the offender's actual or apparent control:

- (1) The forcible seizing and carrying of any person from one place to another; or
- (2) The enticing or persuading of any person to go from one place to another; or
- (3) The imprisoning or forcible secreting of any person.



1 under the Eighth Amendment's Cruel and Unusual Punishments Clause, made  
2 applicable to the States by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.  
3 . . . In sum, penological theory is not adequate to justify life without parole for  
4 juvenile nonhomicide offenders. This determination; the limited culpability of  
5 juvenile nonhomicide offenders; and the severity of life without parole sentences  
6 all lead to the conclusion that the sentencing practice under consideration is cruel  
7 and unusual. This Court now holds that for a juvenile offender who did not commit  
8 homicide the Eighth Amendment forbids the sentence of life without parole. This  
9 clear line is necessary to prevent the possibility that life without parole sentences  
10 will be imposed on juvenile nonhomicide offenders who are not sufficiently  
11 culpable to merit that punishment. Because “[t]he age of 18 is the point where  
12 society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood,” those  
13 who were below that age when the offense was committed may not be sentenced to  
14 life without parole for a nonhomicide crime. . . . The Eighth Amendment does not  
15 foreclose the possibility that persons convicted of nonhomicide crimes committed  
16 before adulthood will remain behind bars for life. It does forbid States from making  
17 the judgment at the outset that those offenders never will be fit to reenter society. .  
18 . . The Constitution prohibits the imposition of a life without parole sentence on a  
19 juvenile offender who did not commit homicide. A State need not guarantee the  
20 offender eventual release, but if it imposes a sentence of life it must provide him or  
21 her with some realistic opportunity to obtain release before the end of that term.”  
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23 Nevertheless, under R.S. 15:574.4(D), a person who was under the age of eighteen at the  
24 time of the commission of the offense for which he is serving a sentence of life imprisonment,  
25 with the exception of the offenses of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) and second degree murder  
26 (R.S. 14:30.1), “shall be eligible for parole consideration” provided that all of the conditions set  
27 forth in the provision are met. One such condition, that the offender has served a certain number  
28 of years of the sentence imposed, was amended by Acts 2017, No. 277 to reduce this amount of  
29 time from thirty to twenty-five years.  
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31 The Law Institute considered the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(D) as well as the appellate  
32 courts’ decisions in *State v. Fletcher*, 149 So. 3d 934 (La. App. 2 Cir. 2014), *State v. Graham*, 171  
33 So. 3d 372 (La. App. 1 Cir. 2015), *State v. Doise*, 185 So. 3d 335 (La. App. 3 Cir. 2016), *State v.*  
34 *Williams*, 186 So. 3d 242 (La. App. 4 Cir. 2016), and *State v. Ross*, 182 So. 3d 983 (La. App. 5  
35 Cir. 2014), all of which either held or suggested that the legislature was not required to amend the  
36 substantive provisions themselves to provide for parole eligibility for juvenile offenders.  
37 Ultimately, the Law Institute determined that all of these provisions are likely no longer  
38 unconstitutional and, as a result, no recommendations with respect to them are made in this  
39 biennial report.  
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1 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
2 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature repeal Code of Criminal Procedure  
3 Art. 412 in its entirety.

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5 **Note to the Legislature**  
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7 During the 2016 Regular Session, Code of Criminal Procedure Article 412 was repealed  
8 by Acts 2016, No. 389, § 3, as recommended by the Law Institute.  
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12 **Article 413. Method of impaneling of grand jury; selection of foreman**  
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14 A. The grand jury shall consist of twelve persons plus no fewer than two nor more than  
15 four alternates qualified to serve as jurors, selected or drawn from the grand jury venire.  
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17 B. The sheriff or his designee, or the clerk or a deputy clerk of court, or in Orleans Parish  
18 the jury commissioner shall draw indiscriminately and by lot from the envelope containing the  
19 remaining names on the grand jury venire a sufficient number of names to complete the grand  
20 jury. The envelope containing the remaining names shall be replaced into the grand jury box for  
21 use in filling vacancies as provided in Article 415. The court shall cause a random selection to be  
22 made of one person from the impaneled grand jury to serve as foreman of the grand jury.  
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24 C. The alternate grand jurors shall receive the charge as provided in Article 432 but shall  
25 not be sworn nor become members of the grand jury except as provided in Article 415.  
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27 Prior version limited on constitutional grounds by *State v. Dilosa*, 848 So. 2d 546, 551 (La. 2003):  
28 “Because the complained of statutes are local laws which concern the practice of the criminal  
29 courts in Orleans Parish, we conclude that they are unconstitutional. . . .The offending language in  
30 Article 413, as it read in 1999 . . . is severable, however. Considering Article 413, the introductory  
31 phrase of Paragraph B, as well as of Paragraph C, may be struck without damaging the intent of  
32 the legislature, which, as indicated by the title of the statute, was to provide a method of impaneling  
33 a grand jury and selecting its foreperson.”  
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35 At the time this case was decided, the 1999 version of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 413  
36 was still in effect, the introductory phrase of Paragraph (B) of which read: “In parishes other than  
37 Orleans . . .” and Paragraph (C) of which read: “In the parish of Orleans, the court shall select  
38 twelve persons plus a first and second alternate for a total of fourteen persons from the grand jury  
39 venire, who shall constitute the grand jury. The court shall thereupon select one of the jurors to  
40 serve as foreman.” Before the Louisiana Supreme Court’s decision, in Acts 2001, No. 281, the  
41 legislature amended Article 413(B) to remove its exception for Orleans Parish and repealed Article  
42 413(C) in its entirety.  
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44 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
45 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature amend Code of Criminal Procedure  
46 Article 413(B) to remove the offending language as follows:

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2 B. The sheriff or his designee, or the clerk or a deputy clerk of court, or ~~in Orleans~~  
3 ~~Parish~~ the jury commissioner shall draw indiscriminately and by lot from the envelope  
4 containing the remaining names on the grand jury venire a sufficient number of names to  
5 complete the grand jury. The envelope containing the remaining names shall be replaced  
6 into the grand jury box for use in filling vacancies as provided in Article 415. The court  
7 shall cause a random selection to be made of one person from the impaneled grand jury to  
8 serve as foreman of the grand jury.  
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10 **Note to the Legislature**

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12 During the 2016 Regular Session, Code of Criminal Procedure Article 413(B) was  
13 amended by Acts 2016, No. 389, § 1 to remove the “in Orleans Parish” language from the  
14 provision, as recommended by the Law Institute.  
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18 **Article 414. Time for impaneling grand juries; period of service**

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22 B. In parishes other than Orleans, the court shall fix the time at which a grand jury shall  
23 be impaneled, but no grand jury shall be impaneled for more than eight months, nor less than four  
24 months, except in the parish of Cameron in which the grand jury may be impaneled for a year.  
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26 C. In Orleans Parish, a grand jury venire shall be drawn by the jury commission on the  
27 date set by the presiding judge. On the next legal day following the drawing, the jury commission  
28 shall submit the grand jury venire to the presiding judge, who shall impanel the grand jury. A  
29 grand jury in Orleans Parish shall be impaneled on the first Wednesday of March and September  
30 of each year.  
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34 Held unconstitutional by *State v. Dilosa*, 848 So. 2d 546, 551 (La. 2003): “Because the complained  
35 of statutes are local laws which concern the practice of the criminal courts in Orleans Parish, we  
36 conclude that they are unconstitutional. . . . The offending language . . . in Article 414 is severable,  
37 however. . . . Likewise, the introductory phrase of Paragraph B, as well as all of Paragraph C, may  
38 be struck without doing violence to the legislature’s intent, which as to provide a time for  
39 impaneling grand juries and their terms of service.”  
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41 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
42 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature do both of the following:  
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44 1. Amend Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 414(B) to remove the offending language as  
45 follows:  
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1                   ~~(5.1) Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System members in the cash~~  
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4                   (11) Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana ~~members in Tier 1:~~

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6                   ~~(11.1) Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana members in the cash balance~~  
7 ~~plan—8%~~

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9                   **Note to the Legislature**

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11                   During the 2017 Regular Session, the legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution No.  
12 46, which directed the Law Institute to direct the printer to stop printing the language added by  
13 Acts 2012, No. 483 in R.S. 11:62(4), (5), and (11) and to stop printing R.S. 11:62(4.1), (5.1), and  
14 (11.1) as enacted by Acts 2012, No. 483 in their entirety, both as recommended by the Law  
15 Institute. The resolution also urged and requested the printer to “stop printing the headnote  
16 regarding *Retired State Employees Association v. State*, 119 So.3d 568 (La., 2013) that appears at  
17 R.S. 11:62, 102, 542, 883.1, and 1145.1.”

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21 **R.S. 11:102. Employer contributions; determination; state systems**

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23 Held unconstitutional by *Retired State Employees Ass'n v. State*, 119 So. 3d 568, 581 (La. 2013):  
24 “The district court declared that Act No. 483 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
25 Legislature was enacted in violation of the constitutional requirements found in Article X, Section  
26 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution. . . . Because the legislative auditor’s actuarial note for HB 61  
27 (Act 483) estimated an actuarial increase for the proposed cash balance plan over the current  
28 defined benefit plan, a vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the House was required  
29 pursuant to La. Const. art. X, § 29(F). Because it was stipulated that a two-thirds vote was not  
30 obtained in the House, the district court correctly found that Act 483 was enacted in violation of  
31 Article X, § 29(F).”

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33 **NOTE: Although the legislature’s website no longer shows any of the amendments or**  
34 **enactments as provided by Acts 2012, No. 483, West continues to print such provisions as**  
35 **amended or enacted with a disclaimer that the cash balance retirement plan was held**  
36 **unconstitutional.**

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38 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Reenact  
39 R.S. 11:102 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483; or (2) Pass a Resolution  
40 directing the Law Institute to direct the printer to stop printing the language added by Acts 2012,  
41 No. 483 as follows:

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43                   (B)(1) Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section for the Louisiana State  
44 Employees' Retirement System and Subsection D of this Section for the Teachers'  
45 Retirement System of Louisiana and except as provided in R.S. 11:102.1, 102.2, and in  
46 Paragraph (5) of this Subsection, for each fiscal year, commencing with Fiscal Year 1989-

1 1990, for each of the public retirement systems referenced in Subsection A of this Section,  
2 the legislature shall set the required employer contribution rate equal to the actuarially  
3 required employer contribution, as determined under Paragraph (3) of this Subsection,  
4 divided by the total projected payroll of all active members ~~including cash balance plan~~  
5 ~~members~~ of each particular system for the fiscal year. Each entity funding a portion of a  
6 member's salary shall also fund the employer's contribution on that portion of the member's  
7 salary at the employer contribution rate specified in this Subsection.

8 (B)(3)(a) The employer's normal cost for that fiscal year, computed as of the first  
9 of the fiscal year using the system's actuarial funding method as specified in R.S. 11:22  
10 and taking into account the value of future accumulated employee contributions and  
11 interest thereon, such employer's normal cost rate multiplied by the total projected payroll  
12 for all active members ~~including cash balance plan members~~ to the middle of that fiscal  
13 year. For the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, effective for the June 30,  
14 2010, system valuation and beginning with Fiscal Year 2011-2012, the normal cost shall  
15 be determined in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. For the Teachers'  
16 Retirement System of Louisiana, effective for the June 30, 2011, system valuation and  
17 beginning with Fiscal Year 2012-2013, the normal cost shall be determined in accordance  
18 with Subsection D of this Section.

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20 ~~(C)(1)(m) Members in the cash balance plan.~~

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22 Note to the Legislature

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24 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 11:102(B)(1), (3)(a), and (C) were amended and  
25 reenacted by Acts 2016, No. 95, § 1 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483, as  
26 recommended by the Law Institute.  
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30 **R.S. 11:542. Experience account**

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32 Held unconstitutional by *Retired State Employees Ass'n v. State*, 119 So. 3d 568, 581 (La. 2013):  
33 "The district court declared that Act No. 483 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
34 Legislature was enacted in violation of the constitutional requirements found in Article X, Section  
35 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution. . . . Because the legislative auditor's actuarial note for HB 61  
36 (Act 483) estimated an actuarial increase for the proposed cash balance plan over the current  
37 defined benefit plan, a vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the House was required  
38 pursuant to La. Const. art. X, § 29(F). Because it was stipulated that a two-thirds vote was not  
39 obtained in the House, the district court correctly found that Act 483 was enacted in violation of  
40 Article X, § 29(F)."  
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42 **NOTE: Although the legislature's website no longer shows any of the amendments or**  
43 **enactments as provided by Acts 2012, No. 483, West continues to print such provisions as**  
44 **amended or enacted with a disclaimer that the cash balance retirement plan was held**  
45 **unconstitutional.**  
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1 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Reenact  
2 R.S. 11:542 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483; or (2) Pass a Resolution  
3 directing the Law Institute to direct the printer to stop printing the language added by Acts 2012,  
4 No. 483 as follows:

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6 ~~(C)(4)(d)(iii) Shall be a member of Tier 1.~~

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8 ~~(C)(4)(e)(iii) If the benefits are based on Tier 1 service.~~

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10 **Note to the Legislature**

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12 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 11:542(C) was amended and reenacted by Acts  
13 2016, No. 95, § 1 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483, as recommended by the  
14 Law Institute.

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18 **R.S. 11:883.1. Experience account**

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20 Held unconstitutional by *Retired State Employees Ass’n v. State*, 119 So. 3d 568, 581 (La. 2013):  
21 “The district court declared that Act No. 483 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
22 Legislature was enacted in violation of the constitutional requirements found in Article X, Section  
23 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution. . . . Because the legislative auditor’s actuarial note for HB 61  
24 (Act 483) estimated an actuarial increase for the proposed cash balance plan over the current  
25 defined benefit plan, a vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the House was required  
26 pursuant to La. Const. art. X, § 29(F). Because it was stipulated that a two-thirds vote was not  
27 obtained in the House, the district court correctly found that Act 483 was enacted in violation of  
28 Article X, § 29(F).”

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30 **NOTE: Although the legislature’s website no longer shows any of the amendments or**  
31 **enactments as provided by Acts 2012, No. 483, West continues to print such provisions as**  
32 **amended or enacted with a disclaimer that the cash balance retirement plan was held**  
33 **unconstitutional.**

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35 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Reenact  
36 R.S. 11:883.1 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483; or (2) Pass a Resolution  
37 directing the Law Institute to direct the printer to stop printing the language added by Acts 2012,  
38 No. 483 as follows:

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40 ~~(C)(4)(d)(iii) Shall be a member of Tier 1.~~

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42 ~~(C)(4)(e)(iii) If the benefits are based on a Tier 1 service.~~

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44 **Note to the Legislature**

1 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 11:883.1(C) was amended and reenacted by Acts  
2 2016, No. 95, § 1 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483, as recommended by the  
3 Law Institute.  
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7 **R.S. 11:1145.1. Employee Experience Account**  
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9 Held unconstitutional by *Retired State Employees Ass'n v. State*, 119 So. 3d 568, 581 (La. 2013):  
10 “The district court declared that Act No. 483 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
11 Legislature was enacted in violation o the constitutional requirements found in Article X, Section  
12 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution. . . . Because the legislative auditor’s actuarial note for HB 61  
13 (Act 483) estimated an actuarial increase for the proposed cash balance plan over the current  
14 defined benefit plan, a vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the House was required  
15 pursuant to La. Const. art. X, § 29(F). Because it was stipulated that a two-thirds vote was not  
16 obtained in the House, the district court correctly found that Act 483 was enacted in violation of  
17 Article X, § 29(F).”  
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19 **NOTE: Although the legislature’s website no longer shows any of the amendments or**  
20 **enactments as provided by Acts 2012, No. 483, West continues to print such provisions as**  
21 **amended or enacted with a disclaimer that the cash balance retirement plan was held**  
22 **unconstitutional.**  
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24 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature do one of the following: (1) Reenact  
25 R.S. 11:1145.1 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483; or (2) Pass a Resolution  
26 directing the Law Institute to direct the printer to stop printing the language added by Acts 2012,  
27 No. 483 as follows:  
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29 (C)(4)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph, in order to be  
30 eligible for the cost-of-living adjustment, there shall be the funds available in the  
31 ~~experience account~~ **Employee Experience Account** to pay for such an adjustment, and a  
32 retiree:  
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34 ~~(C)(4)(a)(iii) Shall be a member of Tier 1.~~

35 ~~(C)(4)(b)(iii) If benefits are based on Tier 1 service.~~

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38 (E) Effective July 1, 2007, the balance in the ~~experience account~~ **Employee**  
39 **Experience Account** shall be zero.  
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41 **Note to the Legislature**  
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43 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 11:1145.1(C) and (E) were amended and reenacted  
44 by Acts 2016, No. 95, § 1 to exclude the language added by Acts 2012, No. 483, as recommended  
45 by the Law Institute.  
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3 **R.S. 11:1399.1 to 1399.7. Cash Balance Plan for State Retirement Systems**  
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5 Held unconstitutional by *Retired State Employees Ass’n v. State*, 119 So. 3d 568, 581 (La. 2013):  
6 “The district court declared that Act No. 483 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
7 Legislature was enacted in violation of the constitutional requirements found in Article X, Section  
8 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution. . . . Because the legislative auditor’s actuarial note for HB 61  
9 (Act 483) estimated an actuarial increase for the proposed cash balance plan over the current  
10 defined benefit plan, a vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the House was required  
11 pursuant to La. Const. art. X, § 29(F). Because it was stipulated that a two-thirds vote was not  
12 obtained in the House, the district court correctly found that Act 483 was enacted in violation of  
13 Article X, § 29(F).”  
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15 **NOTE: Although the legislature’s website no longer shows any of the amendments or**  
16 **enactments as provided by Acts 2012, No. 483, West continues to print such provisions as**  
17 **amended or enacted with a disclaimer that the cash balance retirement plan was held**  
18 **unconstitutional.**  
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20 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature pass a Resolution directing the Law  
21 Institute to direct the printer to stop printing R.S. 11:1399.1 through 1399.7 as enacted by Acts  
22 2012, No. 483 in their entirety.  
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24 **Note to the Legislature**  
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26 During the 2017 Regular Session, the legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution No.  
27 46, which directed the Law Institute to direct the printer to stop printing R.S. 11:1399.1 through  
28 1399.7 as enacted by Acts 2012, No. 483 in their entirety, as recommended by the Law Institute.  
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32 **R.S. 13:5105. Jury trial prohibited; demand for trial; costs**  
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34 A. No suit against a political subdivision of the state shall be tried by jury. Except upon a  
35 demand for jury trial timely filed in accordance with law by the state or a state agency or the  
36 plaintiff in a lawsuit against the state or state agency, no suit against the state or a state agency  
37 shall be tried by jury.  
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41 **C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A, except upon demand for jury trial**  
42 **timely filed in accordance with law by the city of Baton Rouge or the parish of East Baton**  
43 **Rouge or the plaintiff in a lawsuit against the city of Baton Rouge or the parish of East Baton**  
44 **Rouge, no suit against the city of Baton Rouge or the parish of East Baton Rouge shall be**  
45 **tried by jury. The rights to and limitations upon a jury trial shall be as provided in Code of**  
46 **Civil Procedure Articles 1731 and 1732.**



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4 Held unconstitutional by *Kimball v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 712 So. 2d 46, 50, 52-53 (La. 1998): “The  
5 first issue presented for our determination is whether La. R.S. 13:5105(C) is unconstitutional under  
6 La. Const. Art. III, § 12(A). The legislature is prohibited from passing any local or special law  
7 which deals with any of the subjects enumerated in La. Const. Art. III, § 12(A). . . . Subsection (C)  
8 is, however, a special law. It singles out the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton  
9 Rouge, to the exclusion of all other political subdivisions, for special treatment without any  
10 suggested or apparent justification for the disparate treatment, despite the fact that all political  
11 subdivisions possess the requisite characteristics of the class. . . . Subsection (C) does, however,  
12 concern civil actions. . . . Here, Subsection (C) concerns and affects not only an individual lawsuit,  
13 but, more egregiously, any and all lawsuits in which the City of Baton Rouge of the Parish of East  
14 Baton Rouge is made a defendant. Consequently, Subsection (C) is a special law which concerns  
15 civil actions and is unconstitutional under La. Const. Art. III, § 12(A)(3).”  
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17 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 13:5105(C) in its entirety.  
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19 **Note to the Legislature**  
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21 During the 2017 Regular Session, R.S. 13:5105(C) was repealed by Acts 2016, No. 341, §  
22 1, as recommended by the Law Institute.  
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26 **R.S. 14:95.4. Consent to search; alcoholic beverage outlet**  
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28 A. Any person entering an alcoholic beverage outlet as defined herein, by the fact of such  
29 entering, shall be deemed to have consented to a reasonable search of his person for any firearm  
30 by a law enforcement officer or other person vested with police power, without the necessity of a  
31 warrant.  
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35 Held unconstitutional by *Ringe v. Romero*, 624 F. Supp. 417, 418-19, 425 (W.D. La. 1985):  
36 “Plaintiffs claim that the above statute and ordinance violate their right to be secure from  
37 unreasonable searches and seizures as protected by the Fourth Amendment of the United States  
38 Constitution. The fundamental purpose of the fourth amendment’s prohibition against  
39 unreasonable searches and seizures ‘is to safeguard the privacy and security of individuals against  
40 arbitrary invasions by government officials.’ . . . The Supreme Court has consistently held that  
41 police must, whenever practicable, obtain advance judicial approval of a proposed search by  
42 obtaining a warrant based on probable cause. . . . Pursuant to the fourteenth amendment, the fourth  
43 amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches is applicable to state action. This court must  
44 therefore determine whether the warrantless searches authorized by the laws in the instant case fit  
45 within one of the few exceptions established by the Supreme Court to the warrant-based-on-  
46 probable cause requirement of the fourth amendment, or whether they violate the fourth

1 amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches. . . . As defendants offer no other basis for  
2 finding the searches authorized by these laws reasonable within the meaning of the fourth  
3 amendment, this court finds that the authorized searches are unreasonable and, hence, the statute  
4 and ordinance authorizing such searches are facially unconstitutional.”

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6 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature direct the Law Institute to note the  
7 federal district court judgment holding R.S. 14:95.4 unconstitutional.  
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10 **Note to the Legislature**

11 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 14:95.4 was repealed by Acts 2016, No. 201, § 1.  
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15 **R.S. 15:114. Parish of Orleans; rotation and selection of grand jury; control of grand jury**  
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17 Each judge of the criminal district court for the parish of Orleans shall, in rotation, select  
18 the grand jury for the Parish of Orleans. The order of rotation among the judges in the selection of  
19 the grand jury prevailing at the time this Section goes into effect shall be preserved and continued.  
20 The judge of the section of the criminal district court who shall have appointed said grand jury  
21 shall have control and instruction over the grand jury, exclusive of all other judges of the criminal  
22 district court, and such grand jury shall make all findings and returns in open court to said judge;  
23 and in addition thereto may make reports and requests in open court as provided by law; provided  
24 that if the judge to whom the control of the grand jury shall belong shall not be from any cause in  
25 the actual discharge of his duties as judge, the judges of the criminal district court then present  
26 shall designate some other judge to impanel and instruct said grand jury, or to receive its returns  
27 and findings, as the case may be, and the judge so designated shall continue to act for the judge to  
28 whom the control of such grand jury shall belong until said last-mentioned judge shall return to  
29 the discharge of duties; provided, further, that the grand jury in office at the time of the adoption  
30 of this Section shall, until the expiration of that term of office, be under the control of the presiding  
31 judge of the section by whom it was selected and shall return all indictments and findings to said  
32 judge in open court.  
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34 Held unconstitutional by *State v. Dilosa*, 848 So. 2d 546, 551 (La. 2003): “Because the complained  
35 of statutes are local laws which concern the practice of the criminal courts in Orleans Parish, we  
36 conclude that they are unconstitutional. . . . Likewise, § 15:144 [*sic, correct citation is § 15:114*]  
37 is unconstitutional in its entirety.”  
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39 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
40 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 15:114 in its entirety.  
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42 **Note to the Legislature**

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44 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 15:114 was repealed by Acts 2016, No. 389, § 2, as  
45 recommended by the Law Institute.  
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3 **R.S. 17:1803. Parking violations on campuses of state owned colleges and universities;**  
4 **maximum fines**

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6 The fine which may be imposed for violation of any parking regulation established by the  
7 governing authority of any state supported college or university in this state, including Louisiana  
8 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, where the violation occurred upon the  
9 streets and roadways of such college or university, shall not exceed the sum of one dollar.

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11 Held unconstitutional by *Student Government Association of Louisiana State University v. Board*  
12 *of Supervisors of Louisiana State University*, 264 So. 2d 916, 920 (La. 1972): “In the present case,  
13 we hold that the intent of Article XII, Section 7 was, upon ratification of the constitutional  
14 amendment, to grant to the university’s Board of Supervisors exclusive administrative authority  
15 over operation of the university. . . . Especially in view of the specific intent underlying Section  
16 7’s adoption, we find that this constitutional provision unambiguously grants the Board of  
17 Supervisors full administrative control of the university. . . . The power to regulate student parking,  
18 and to enforce such reasonable parking regulations by administrative penalties (including fines),  
19 is clearly within this grant to the Board of Supervisors of exclusive administrative authority over  
20 students in their relationship with the university and in their use of the university campus. The  
21 legislative act seeking to limit the Board’s administrative regulation of student parking is therefore  
22 invalid, since by it the legislature sought to interfere with the Board’s exclusive administrative  
23 power over university affairs, granted to it by our constitution.”

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25 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 17:1803 in its entirety.

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27 **Note to the Legislature**

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29 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 17:1803 was repealed by Acts 2016, No. 383, § 1,  
30 as recommended by the Law Institute.

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34 **R.S. 40:1788. Identification with number or other mark; obliteration or alteration of number**  
35 **or mark**

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39 B. No one shall obliterate, remove, change, or alter this number or mark. **Whenever, in a**  
40 **trial for a violation of this Sub-section, the defendant is shown to have or to have had**  
41 **possession of any firearm upon which the number or mark was obliterated, removed,**  
42 **changed, or altered, that possession is sufficient evidence to authorize conviction unless the**  
43 **defendant explains it to the satisfaction of the court.**

44 Held unconstitutional by *State v. Taylor*, 396 So. 2d 1278, 1281 (La. 1981): “For the reason that  
45 the second sentence of R.S. 17:1788(B) establishes a mandatory presumption that does not meet  
46 the ‘beyond a reasonable doubt’ standard, it literally throws the burden upon a defendant to

1 establish his innocence once the prosecution proves the evidentiary fact of possession. Therefore,  
2 it is unconstitutional. The unconstitutionality of one portion of a statute, however, does not  
3 necessarily render the entire statute unenforceable. . . . We find in the present case that the  
4 remainder of the statute can stand.”

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6 **Recommendation:** After review by the Law Institute’s Criminal Code and Code of Criminal  
7 Procedure Committee, it is recommended that the legislature amend R.S. 40:1788(B) to remove  
8 the offending language as follows:

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10 B. No one shall obliterate, remove, change, or alter this number or mark.  
11 ~~Whenever, in a trial for a violation of this Sub-section, the defendant is shown to have~~  
12 ~~or to have had possession of any firearm upon which the number or mark was~~  
13 ~~obliterated, removed, changed, or altered, that possession is sufficient evidence to~~  
14 ~~authorize conviction unless the defendant explains it to the satisfaction of the court.~~

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16 **Note to the Legislature**

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18 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 40:1788(B) was amended by Acts 2016, No. 340,  
19 § 1 to remove the second sentence of the provision as recommended by the Law Institute.  
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23 **R.S. 42:261. District attorneys; counsel for boards and commissions**

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27 E. (1) Any party who files suit against any duly elected or appointed public official of this  
28 state or of any of its agencies or political subdivisions for any matter arising out of the performance  
29 of the duties of his office other than matters pertaining to the collection and payment of taxes and  
30 those cases where the plaintiff is seeking to compel the defendant to comply with and apply the  
31 laws of this state relative to the registration of voters, and who is unsuccessful in his demands,  
32 shall be liable to said public official for all attorneys fees incurred by said public official in the  
33 defense of said lawsuit or lawsuits, which attorneys fees shall be fixed by the court.  
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35 (2) The defendant public official shall have the right, by rule, to require the plaintiff to  
36 furnish bond as in the case of bond for costs, to cover such attorneys fees before proceeding with  
37 the trial of said cause.  
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41 Held unconstitutional by *Detraz v. Fontana*, 416 So. 2d 1291, 1296-97 (La. 1982): “In the case  
42 before us, the instant statute also divides tortfeasors into two classes: governmental tortfeasors and  
43 private tortfeasors. Simultaneously two classes of victims are created: victims of governmental  
44 tortfeasors and victims of private tortfeasors. Only the first class of victims must suffer the  
45 additional burden of a bond for attorney’s fees. No reasonable justification for this disparate  
46 treatment has been supplied. The statute violates the equal protection clauses of the state and

1 federal constitutions. The challenged provision is also defective because it deprives the plaintiff of  
2 due process and denies open access to the courts. . . . For these reasons, that portion of the judgment  
3 of the Court of Appeal upholding the constitutionality of R.S. 42:261 E is reversed, and R.S.  
4 42:261 E is declared unconstitutional.”

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6 **Recommendation:** It is recommended that the legislature repeal R.S. 42:261(E) in its entirety and  
7 direct the Law Institute to redesignate R.S. 42:261(F) through (K) accordingly.

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9 **Note to the Legislature**

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11 During the 2016 Regular Session, R.S. 42:261(E) was repealed by Acts 2016, No. 168, §  
12 2, and the Law Institute was directed to redesignate R.S. 42:261(F) through (K) as R.S. 42:261(E)  
13 through (J) by Acts 2016, No. 168, § 2, both as recommended by the Law Institute.  
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