

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
MAY 7, 2005**

The House of Delegates was convened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2005, in Premier III Room of the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**I. Certification of Quorum by the President.**

After reviewing the delegate check-in roster, President Michael W. McKay determined that a quorum was present. A copy of the attendance roster is attached as an addendum to these Minutes. President McKay declared the meeting to be in session.

**II. Consideration of Legislation Committee Recommendations.**

President McKay outlined the procedure to be followed during the debate of the bills and introduced Legislation Committee Chair Michael A. Patterson to present the committee's recommendations.

Following Mr. Patterson's remarks, the House took the following actions:

Bills Supported by Louisiana State Bar Association

HB 60	Excludes claims and judgments arising from delictual actions from the ten-year prescriptive period for payment of claims or debts against the state.
HB 686	Requires filing the bond for costs 60 days prior to trial.
SB 212	Requires a filing fee to be paid by the party praying for a jury in a civil trial.
SB 323	Provides for changes to judicial district indigent defender boards and the Indigent Defense Assistance Board.

Bill Partially Supported by Louisiana State Bar Association

HB 226	Provides for the continuous revision of the Code of Civil Procedure. Because HB 226 proposed extensive revisions to the Code of Civil Procedure, the House of Delegates considered each amendment separately and voted to support proposed amendments to Article 592(A)(3)(b), Article 1917 and Article 2031(A).
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Bills Opposed by the Louisiana State Bar Association

HB 70	Authorizes the custodian to charge for copies of records provided by electronic means.
HB138	Provides for the award of attorney fees for the delay in community property partition cases.

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| HB 172 | Increases the jurisdictional amount in dispute in civil matters, matters concerning ownership or possession of movable property, and in certain eviction proceedings. |
| HB 425 | Provides a limitation of liability for hospitals regarding civil commitments.   |
| SB 48  | Provides immunity for liability for gravity drainage or sub-drainage districts for certain clearing of vegetation or application of pesticide.                        |
| SB 153 | Authorizes acceptance of electronic documents for filing and recording under certain conditions by the clerks of court.   |

The following motion was made:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana State Bar Association take No Position on those bills not supported or opposed.”

The motion was seconded and adopted.

There being no further business before the House, President McKay declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Loretta Larsen  
Assistant Secretary

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