

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 503

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

STATE SYMBOL: Provides for the official state book

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:170.19, relative to the official state book; to provide a certain Holy Bible  
3 to be the official state book; to recognize and acknowledge the state motto; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:170.19 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §170.19. State book

8 A. The legislature does hereby recognize and acknowledge the state motto  
9 as found in the state pledge of allegiance: " A state, under God, united in purpose and  
10 ideals, confident that justice shall prevail for all of those abiding here."

11 B. There shall be an official state book. The official state book shall be the  
12 Holy Bible, published by Johannes Prevel, (Prevel, Jean, active 1510-1528, printer.  
13 & Petit, Jean, fl. 1492-1530.), which is the oldest edition of the Holy Bible in the  
14 Louisiana State Museum system. The use on official documents of the state and with  
15 the insignia of the state is hereby authorized.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for a certain Holy Bible to be the official state book of Louisiana.

Proposed law provides for the recognition and acknowledgment of the legislature as it relates to the state motto as found in the state pledge of allegiance: " A state, under God, united in purpose and ideals, confident that justice shall prevail for all of those abiding here."

Proposed law requires that the official state book of Louisiana be the Holy Bible, published by Johannes Prevel, (Prevel, Jean, active 1510-1528, printer. & Petit, Jean, fl. 1492-1530.), is the oldest edition in the Louisiana State Museum system, and authorizes use on official documents of the state and with the insignia of the state.

(Adds R.S. 49:170.19)