

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

ATTORNEY GENERAL: Requires the attorney general to represent the interests of the state in certain actions

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:257(C), relative to legal representation of the state; to provide
3 for representation of the state by the attorney general in proceedings challenging the
4 constitutionality of state statutes; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:257(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §257. Legal representation of certain state agencies

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9 C. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the attorney general, at his
10 discretion, shall either represent or supervise the representation of the interests of the
11 state in any action or proceeding in which the constitutionality of a state statute or
12 of a resolution of the legislature is challenged or assailed.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the attorney general to either represent or supervise the representation of the interests of the state in actions challenging the constitutionality of a state statute or resolution of the legislature.

Present law requires the attorney general to represent or supervise the representation of the interests of the state in actions challenging the constitutionality of a state statute or resolution of the legislature, at his discretion.

Proposed law clarifies present law by providing that the attorney general is required to represent the state in actions challenging the constitutionality of a state statute or resolution of the legislature, but he has discretion in whether to represent or supervise the representation of the state.

(Amends R.S. 49:257(C))