

SENATE BILL NO. 509

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

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AN ACT

To enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 4919(D), relative to service of citation in justice of the peace courts; to provide for service by certified mail; to provide relative to service under certain terms, procedures, and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 4919(D) is enacted to read as follows:

Art. 4919. Citation; **service of citation**; justice of the peace courts; district courts with concurrent jurisdiction

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D. Service of citation or other process may be made by the court by certified mail, with return receipt requested, when costs therefore are posted with the court.

(1) If the properly addressed certified mail return receipt reply form is signed by the addressee who is the defendant, service shall be considered personal service.

(2) If the properly addressed certified mail return receipt reply form is signed by a person other than the defendant, service shall be considered domiciliary service.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____