

Regular Session, 2008

# ACT No. 882

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHMOND

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 192.2 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article  
3 25.1, relative to powers of the court; to provide for appointment of a competent  
4 interpreter for a non-English-speaking person who is a principal party in interest or  
5 a witness in a proceeding before the court; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 192.2 is hereby enacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 Art. 192.2. Appointment of interpreter for non-English-speaking persons

10 A. If a non-English-speaking person who is a principal party in interest or  
11 a witness in a proceeding before the court has requested an interpreter, a judge shall  
12 appoint, after consultation with the non-English-speaking person or his attorney, a  
13 competent interpreter to interpret or to translate the proceedings to him and to  
14 interpret or translate his testimony.

15 B. The court shall order reimbursement to the interpreter for his services at  
16 a fixed reasonable amount, and that amount shall be taxed by the court as costs of  
17 court.

18 Section 2. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 25.1 is hereby enacted to read as  
19 follows:

20 Art. 25.1. Appointment of interpreter for non-English-speaking persons

21 A. If a non-English-speaking person who is a principal party in interest or  
22 a witness in a proceeding before the court has requested an interpreter, a judge shall  
23 appoint, after consultation with the non-English-speaking person or his attorney, a

1           competent interpreter to interpret or to translate the proceedings to him and to  
2           interpret or translate his testimony.

3                   B. The court shall order reimbursement to the interpreter for his services at  
4           a fixed reasonable amount.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_