

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 that the Holy Bible  
3 shall be the official state book; to recognize and acknowledge the state motto; and  
4 to 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. Official state book; Holy Bible; recognition and acknowledgment of state  
8 motto

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

12 B. There shall be an official state book. The official state book shall be the  
13 Holy Bible.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the Holy Bible shall be the official state book.

Proposed law provides for the recognition and acknowledgment, by the legislature, of 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 there be an official state book and further requires that the Holy Bible serve as the official state book.

(Adds R.S. 49:170.19)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Removes provisions that require that the official state book be the Holy Bible, published by Johannes Prevel, (Prevel, Jean, active 1510-1528, printer. & Petit, Jean, fl. 1492-1530.) and instead requires that the Holy Bible be the official state book. Additionally removes provisions that authorize the use of the official state book on official documents of the state.