



State Representative Thomas West, *49th House District*
Sponsor Testimony (As prepared) – House Bill 615

Chairman Butler, Vice Chairwoman Pelanda, Ranking Member Boggs, and fellow members of the House Civil Justice Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 615.

House Bill 615 will require all creditors that have claims against an estate to inform the person from whom payment is sought, that they as an individual are under no obligation to pay the debt. The bill also states that failure to inform the individual is considered an unconscionable act and renders the creditor subject to legal action by the Attorney General or by the individual that was left uninformed.

This bill is designed to keep individuals who have lost a loved one safe from a false sense of obligation to pay the decedent's debts.

Thank you for letting me talk about this bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.