ACT No. 21

By: Mr. Mouton.

Senate Bill No. 20.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Subsection-A of Section 272 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as enacted by Act 408 of the 1968 Regular Session, to provide with respect to teaching French and the culture of Louisiana in the public elementary and high schools in the state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subsection A of Section 272 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as enacted by Act 408 of the 1968 Regular Session is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§ 272. French language and culture; teaching in public schools

A. The French language and the culture and history of French populations in Louisiana and elsewhere in the Americas shall be taught for a sequence of years in the public elementary and high school systems of the state, in accordance with the following general provisions:

(1) As expeditiously as possible but not later than the beginning of the 1972-1973 school year, all public elementary schools shall offer at least five years of French instruction starting with oral French in the first grade; except that any parish or city school board, upon request to the State Board of Education, shall be excluded from this requirement, and such request shall not be denied. Requests already received from school boards for exclusion from the provisions of Act 408 of 1968 shall also be valid for exclusion from the provisions of this Act unless individual school boards deem otherwise. School boards which have not already requested exclusion may do so at any time between July 1, 1971 and the beginning of the 1972-1973 school year. The fact that any board is excluded, as here provided, from participation in the program established by this section shall in no case be construed to prohibit such school board from offering and conducting French courses in the curriculum of the schools it administers. In any school where the program provided for herein has been adopted the parent or other person legally

Fig. 8 — An excerpt from, Louisiana Acts 1968, Extra Session, 1968 (bound in “Acts of the Legislature” Regular Session, 1969). Act 24 (right) was declared to be “null” and without effect because of the manner in which it was printed or reported in the statute book without an enacting clause, First Nat. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans v. Eaves, 252 So. 2d 741. A preceding law, Act 21 (left), shows proper use of the enacting clause on the face of the law.

ACT No. 24

By: Messrs. Mouton and O'Keefe.

Senate Bill No. 27.

AN ACT

To regulate loans and advances of credit by banks under revolving loan plans and to provide for interest and other charges thereunder; to provide for penalties; and to repeal all conflicting laws.

TITLE I - REVOLVING LOAN PLANS

Section 1. Definitions:

(a) The term “revolving loan” means an arrangement, including by means of a credit card, between a lender and a debtor pursuant to which it is contemplated or provided that the lender may from time to time make loans or advances to or for the account of the debtor (1) through the means of checks, drafts, items, invoices for the purchase of goods, orders for the payment of money, evidence of debt or similar written instruments or requests whether or not negotiable, endorsed or signed by the debtor or by any person authorized or permitted to do so on behalf of the debtor or (2) through the means of any other direction to pay by the debtor for loans or advances or charges to an account in respect of which account the lender is to render bills or statements to the debtor at regular intervals (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “billing cycle”), the amount of which bills or statements is payable by and due from the debtor on a specified date stated in such bill or statement or at the debtor's option may be payable by the debtor in installments.

(b) Credit cards - The term “credit card” as used herein means an identification card, credit number, credit device or other credit document issued to a person, firm or corporation by a lender which permits such persons, firm or corporation to purchase or obtain money, goods, property, or services on the credit of the issuer.

(c) “Lender” means a bank chartered or licensed by state or federal authorities and authorized to do business and doing business in this state.

Section 2. Revolving Loan Interest Charge, Separate Charge Statement