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## DIGEST

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HB No. 790

**Abstract:** Authorizes courts by rule, with the consent of the district attorney, to alter the percentage amount to be deposited in lieu of a bail bond.

Present law provides that a defendant may furnish his personal undertaking, secured by a deposit with an officer authorized to accept the bail.

Present law further provides that the deposit shall consist of any of the following which are equal to the amount of the bail:

- (1) Cash.
- (2) A certified or cashier's check on any state or national bank.
- (3) Bonds of the United States government negotiable by delivery.
- (4) Bonds of the state of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof, negotiable by delivery.
- (5) United States postal money orders or money orders issued by any state or national bank.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law further provides that the court in the parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, by written rule, may alter the percentage amount of bail to be deposited with the officer authorized to accept the bond, and authorizes the officer to charge an administrative fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for processing the bond.

Proposed law retains this provision of present law and further provides that a court in any parish other than St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, by written rule and with the consent of the DA, may alter the percentage amount of bail to be deposited with the officer authorized to accept the bond and authorize the officer to charge an administrative fee, not to exceed \$25 for processing the bond.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 324(A)(4))