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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the electronic access of videotaped statements of protected persons.

Present law (R.S. 15:440.5 and Ch.C. Art. 327) provides relative to the admissibility of videotaped statements of protected persons.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes the district attorney, if required to provide a copy of a videotaped statement of a protected person, to provide the defendant's attorney, the court, or any other person permitted by law with electronic access to a copy of the videotaped statement in a manner that is sufficient to protect the constitutional rights of the criminal defendant.

Proposed law does not permit any of the following:

- (1) The authorization of a pro se criminal defendant to electronically access a copy of a videotaped statement of a protected person.
- (2) The negation or circumvention of any requirement that a physical copy of the videotaped statement of a protected person be produced at a criminal trial.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 327(C); Adds R.S. 15:440.5(D) and Ch.C. Art. 327(D))