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Present law allows for the posting of electronic bonds. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires any parish implementing the use of electronic bonds to also allow the use of in-person bonds.

Proposed law authorizes the sheriff to establish additional requirements for approval of electronic bonds in a parish.

Proposed law requires electronic bond providers to maintain a registry of agents approved by the sheriff to execute electronic bonds in the parish. Further provides that the bond provider shall verify the agent seeking the bond is on the registry.

Proposed law provides procedures for the issuance of electronic bonds. Further provides for the sue of multi-factor authentication.

Proposed law allows a sheriff to require geographic restrictions.

Proposed law authorizes the use of automated clearing house (ACH) electronic funds as a payment method. Further provides that total fees charged to the bond producer by the bond provider may not exceed the actual fees charged for the transaction.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 328(C) and R.S. 22:822(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Establish a sheriff may establish additional requirements for approval of electronic bonds in a parish.

2. Require electronic bond providers maintain a registry of approved electronic bond agents in each parish.

3. Establish procedures for the use of electronic bonds.

4. Allow the payment of bonds by automated clearing house (ACH).

5. Provide effective date.

6. Make technical changes.