

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 278

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER AND VILLIO

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Justice to conduct a comprehensive review of the statutory framework and administrative procedures relative to electronic monitoring in this state and to receive feedback and input from relevant stakeholders to identify efficiencies, deficiencies, and conflicts within the existing statutory framework that governs electronic monitoring providers and practices.

WHEREAS, the use of electronic monitoring as a tool for pretrial supervision, post-conviction release, and the protection of victims and the public has expanded significantly within the Louisiana criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has enacted critical legislation to establish initial standards for electronic monitoring providers and the reporting of noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, despite these advancements, the existing statutory framework remains fragmented across various statutes, including R.S. 14:110.2, R.S. 15:571.36 through 571.38 and 835, and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 894.2, which may lead to inconsistencies in enforcement and reporting and gaps in oversight; and

WHEREAS, a uniform and practical set of guidelines and procedures is necessary to ensure the integrity of electronic monitoring data, the prompt reporting of violations to law enforcement, and the effective registration and inspection of electronic monitoring providers; and

WHEREAS, feedback from stakeholders within the criminal justice system and a comparative analysis of the regulatory models utilized in other states and jurisdictions would assist Louisiana in developing a more robust framework for the permitting, regulation, and oversight of electronic monitoring providers and technology.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Justice to conduct a comprehensive review of the statutory framework and administrative procedures relative to electronic monitoring in this state and to receive feedback and input from relevant stakeholders to identify efficiencies, deficiencies, and conflicts within the existing statutory framework that governs electronic monitoring providers and practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this review, the Louisiana Department of Justice shall include consideration of all of the following:

(1) Identification of current efficiencies, deficiencies, and potential conflicts in existing statutes and administrative rules relative to electronic monitoring.

(2) Analysis of the electronic monitoring laws of other states, with a focus on methods for permitting, fee structures, and the frequency of inspections.

(3) Development of recommendations for a comprehensive system of registration and oversight to ensure all electronic monitoring providers operating in this state meet rigorous technical and reporting standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Justice may receive testimony, feedback, input, and data from all of the following:

(1) The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

(2) The Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

(3) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, including the offices of probation and parole and juvenile justice.

(4) The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

(5) The office of the state public defender.

(6) Representatives of the electronic monitoring provider industry.

(7) Any other relevant stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Justice shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice no later than sixty days prior to the start of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the attorney general for the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES