

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 455 (SB 81)**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Morris**

Prior law provided that a defendant could waive his right to a jury trial within 45 days of the commencement of trial with the consent of the district attorney.

New law provides that the court must deny a defendant's motion to waive a jury trial unless the prosecuting authority provides written consent to the waiver.

Effective upon passage of Senate Bill No. 97 but SB 97 failed to pass.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 780(C))