

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 489 (SB 321)

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Kleinpeter

New law requires any parish implementing the use of electronic bonds to also allow the use of in-person bonds. New law further authorizes the sheriff to establish additional requirements for approval of electronic bonds in a parish.

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

New law provides procedures for the issuance of electronic bonds. New law further provides for the use of multi-factor authentication.

New law allows a sheriff to require geographic restrictions.

New law authorizes the use of automated clearing house (ACH) electronic funds as a payment method. New law 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 May 29, 2026.

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