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Existing law (C.C.P. Art.1035) provides for an answer in incidental demands.

<u>New law</u> makes the deadline for answering incidental demands the same as provided for principal demands.

Existing law (C.C.P. Art.1425) provides for identifying testifying experts.

<u>New law</u> specifies that a party is under no obligation to identify a testifying expert absent a discovery request or order for an expert report.

Existing law (C.C.P. Art.1462) provides for discovery-production of documents and things.

<u>Prior law</u> required the party upon whom the request is served to serve a written response within 15 days after service of the request.

<u>New law</u> extends the period of time for the state and its political subdivisions to respond to a request for production of documents and things <u>from</u> 15 to 30 days.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends C.C.P. Arts. 1035, 1425(C), and 1462(B)(1))