## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows a defendant who is not brought before a judge within 72 hours of arrest for appointment of counsel to be released on his own recognizance.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a defendant shall be brought before a judge within 72 hours of arrest for the appointment of counsel.

Present law provides that failure to do so results in the immediate release of the defendant.

Proposed law changes present law to allow for the release of the defendant on his own recognizance.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 230.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal</u> Justice to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Provide that if the arrested person is not brought before a judge within 72 hours of arrest for appointment of counsel, the defendant shall be released on his own recognizance, instead of on bail without surety pursuant to the provisions of present law.