
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the use of the population database comprised of DNA samples.

Present law authorizes state police to create a separate population database comprised of DNA samples after all personal identification is removed. Further authorizes state police to share or disseminate the population database with other criminal justice agencies or crime laboratories that serve to assist state police with statistical databases.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the population database may be used for the following:

- (1) To assist federal, state, and local criminal justice and law enforcement agencies in the identification and detection of individuals in criminal investigations or in declared or non-declared disaster victim identification.
- (2) For a population statistics database.
- (3) For identification and protocol development purposes.
- (4) For quality control purposes.

Proposed law requires state police to maintain the separate population database and requires that the database is subject to the same disclosure prohibitions as the state data bank pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:617).

(Amends R.S. 15:612(A)(intro. para.), (B), and (C))