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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the use of cell phones in all courts including the courts of Orleans Parish.

Proposed law provides for the use of cellular devices, including cell phones, within state courts.

Proposed law provides that it is the intent of the legislature to allow ready access to means of communication, research, and vital information for citizens on matters pertinent to them and their pending judicial matters.

Proposed law applies to all courts in the state of La., including the La. Supreme Court, courts of appeal, family courts, juvenile courts, parish courts, city courts, municipal courts, and traffic courts.

Proposed law prohibits courts from adopting rules that ban the use of cell phones in the areas of the courthouse that are outside the courtroom.

Proposed law authorizes the prohibition of cell phone usage in the areas inside the courtroom.

(Adds R.S. 13:6001 and 6002)