

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 873, relative to sentencing; to
3 provide relative to the imposition of sentence in certain circumstances; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 873 is hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 Art. 873. Delay between conviction and sentence

9 If a defendant is convicted of a felony, at least three days shall elapse
10 between conviction and ~~sentence~~ sentencing. If a motion for a new trial; or in arrest
11 of judgment; is filed, sentence shall not be imposed until ~~at least twenty-four hours~~
12 after the motion is overruled. If the defendant expressly waives a delay provided ~~for~~
13 in this ~~article~~ Article or pleads guilty, sentence may be imposed immediately.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____