

Regular Session, 2012

# ACT No. 124

HOUSE BILL NO. 433

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 877(A), relative to juvenile adjudication hearings; to amend procedures relative to adjudication hearings for juvenile offenders charged with a crime of violence; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children's Code Article 877(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 877. Adjudication hearing; time limitations

A. ~~If~~ When the child is charged with a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) and the child is continued in custody pursuant to Chapter 5 of this Title, the adjudication hearing shall commence within sixty days of the appearance to answer the petition. In all other cases, if the child is continued in custody pursuant to Chapter 5 of this Title, the adjudication hearing shall commence within thirty days of the appearance to answer the petition.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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