

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 581 by Representative Leger

CRIMINAL/BAIL: Provides for the reinstatement of bail in certain cases

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Added provision granting exclusive jurisdiction to the judges of the Orleans Criminal District Court for setting bonds and releasing defendants on misdemeanor and felony offenses.
2. Added provision requiring the Orleans Criminal District Court judges to establish rules effectuating telephonic communication and verification of bonds and releases.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for the setting of bail by the court in criminal cases.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that in cases where the district attorney dismisses an indictment or information and institutes a subsequent indictment or information for the same offense or for a lesser offense based on the same facts, the court shall reinstate any bail discharged when the district attorney dismissed the initial indictment or information if the surety consents to the reinstatement expressly and in writing.

Proposed law provides that judges for the Criminal District Court, including the Magistrate Judge and Commissioners, for the parish of Orleans shall have exclusive jurisdiction to set state misdemeanor and felony bonds and exclusive jurisdiction to release a defendant on state misdemeanor and felony bonds. Requires the Orleans Parish district judges with criminal jurisdiction sitting en banc to establish rules effectuating telephonic communication and verification of bonds and releases.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 334.4)