

Honorable Michael S. Baer
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 562 BY SENATOR JORDAN

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 204, 210, and 327(A)(4) and (B) and 338, relative to criminal procedure; to provide with respect to criminal bail bonds; to provide for the form of the bail order; to provide for requirements of the bail undertaking; to provide with respect to service of summons and execution of arrest warrants; to provide with respect to the service of a summons in criminal matters; to provide for the time period for executing arrest warrants in certain cases; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Baer:

Originally Senate Bill No. 562 focused on the requisites of the bail undertaking. As the bill moved through the legislative process, it was significantly broadened to include a change making a contradictory hearing before a magistrate or district court permissive instead of mandatory in a parish with a population in excess of four hundred ninety thousand. Concern has been expressed that this change will hurt the administration of criminal justice in Orleans Parish.

For this reason, I am vetoing and returning Senate Bill No. 562 to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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