

2020 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Suspends certain legal requirements as a result of emergency health measures relative to the Coronavirus.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend until August 1, 2020, certain general legal requirements including specifically listed requirements as a result of preventive health measures being undertaken to limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus has caused an immediate health care crisis in our state and nation and efforts to contain the spread of this virus to the people of Louisiana, particularly those who are most susceptible due to age and health care issues; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to the directives from Governor John Bell Edwards as indicated in Proclamations JBE 2020-25 and JBE 2020-27 to reduce and limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in addition to the suspension of regulatory statutes contained in these Proclamations various statutory requirements should be suspended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends all deadlines in legal proceedings, including liberative prescriptive and preemptive periods in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards until August 1, 2020, including but not limited to nonconstitutionally mandated deadlines in criminal proceedings and any deadlines set for in the following:

- (1) Louisiana Civil Code.
- (2) Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.

- (5) Chapter 10 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (Workers' Compensation).
- (6) Chapter 5-D of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (Medical Malpractice)

Further specifically suspends the following legal requirements until August 1, 2020:

- (1) R.S. 17:154.1 regarding the minimum length of a school day for grades one through twelve and the minimum length of a school year for the 2019-2020 school year.
- (2) R.S. 17:154.3 regarding the number of days a teacher is to work per school year for the 2019-2020 school year.
- (3) R.S. 11:513, 703, 1543 regarding the number and frequency of meetings to be held by state or statewide retirement systems, as applicable.
- (4) All requirements involving the number and frequency of meetings for local governmental subdivisions and other political subdivisions as defined in Const. Art. VI, §44.

Effective until August 1, 2020.