

ACT No. 221

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 445

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 335, relative to bond forfeitures;

3 to provide relative to procedures for bond forfeiture; to provide time periods for

4 filing; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 335 is hereby amended and reenacted

7 to read as follows:

8 Art. 335. Rule to show cause; bond forfeiture

9 If the defendant fails to make an appearance and has not been surrendered or

10 constructively surrendered within one hundred eighty days of the execution of the

11 certificate that notice of warrant for arrest was sent, the prosecuting attorney may file

12 a rule to show cause requesting that a bond forfeiture judgment be rendered. The

13 rule to show cause shall be mailed to the defendant and served on all other parties

14 against whom a judgment is sought. The rule to show cause shall be set for a

15 contradictory hearing. The time period for filing a rule to show cause to obtain a

16 judgment of bond forfeiture ~~does not begin until~~ shall be within five years after the

17 notice of warrant for arrest is sent.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____