

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 91 (HB 995)**

**2026 Regular Session**

**LaCombe**

Existing law (R.S. 15:440.5 and Ch.C. Art. 327) provides relative to the admissibility of videotaped statements of protected persons.

New law provides that any requirement that a copy of a videotaped statement of a protected person be provided to a criminal defendant's attorney, to a court, or to any other person entitled by law to such a copy may be satisfied by providing electronic access to view the videotaped statement in a manner that is sufficient to protect the constitutional rights of the criminal defendant.

New law does not permit any of the following:

- (1) The authorization of a pro se criminal defendant to electronically access a copy of a videotaped statement of a protected person.
- (2) The negation or circumvention of any requirement that a physical copy of the videotaped statement of a protected person be produced at a criminal trial where a party is introducing the videotaped statement of a protected person as evidence at the criminal trial.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 327(C); Adds R.S. 15:440.5(D) and Ch.C. Art. 327(D))