

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 181 (HB 55)

2016 Regular Session

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Existing law provides for the creation of Veterans Court probation programs in district courts.

New law provides that, with the consent of the district attorney, the court may defer proceedings and place a defendant on probation when the court determines that it is in the best interest of justice.

New law provides that once the term of probation is completed, the criminal charges shall be dismissed against the person.

New law further provides that the dismissal of charges shall be without court adjudication of guilt, not be deemed a conviction, and shall only occur once with respect to any person.

New law also provides that if the defendant is accepted into the Veterans Court program, the defendant must waive the right to trial.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 13:5368)