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Abstract: Provides procedures whereby the district attorney makes a written recommendation to the court that certain crimes are not to be designated as crimes of violence, and provides that without such recommendation, the offense shall be designated as a crime of violence as a matter of law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 14:2(B)) provides that certain offenses can be defined as, or are specifically enumerated as, a crime of violence. Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the court, upon the written recommendation of the district attorney, to designate in the court minutes that an offense is a crime of violence only for the purpose of determining whether the defendant is eligible for suspension or deferral of sentence or for participation in a drug division probation program.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in the absence of the written recommendation by the district attorney to the court, the crime in question will be designated in the court minutes as a crime of violence as a matter of law.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a list of crimes always designated by the court as crimes of violence in the court minutes and thus are not eligible for suspension or deferral of sentence or participation in a drug division probation program. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 890.3)