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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a district attorney to stay all or a portion of discovery in actions for divorce, custody, child support, visitation, or protective orders.

Present law authorizes a court to stay all or a portion of discovery in a pending civil action related to a criminal proceeding upon the motion of the district attorney.

Present law provides that the motion to stay shall be heard by a contradictory hearing within 30 days of filing the motion, and provides additional procedures for lifting or terminating the stay.

Present law excepts petitions or proceedings for divorce, custody, child support, visitation, or protective orders from application of present law.

Proposed law removes the present law exception, authorizing a district attorney to stay all or a portion of discovery in actions for divorce, custody, child support, visitation, or protective orders.

(Repeals C.C.P. Art. 1426.1(E))