
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the court grant a legislative continuance or extension on its own motion upon receiving consent from the member of the legislature.

Present law provides that a member of the legislature and a legislative employee shall have peremptory grounds for continuance or extension of a criminal case, civil case, or administrative proceeding.

Present law provides that the peremptory grounds for continuance are available:

- (1) Any time between 15 days prior to the original call to order and 15 days following the adjournment sine die of any legislative session.
- (2) Any time between 15 days prior to convening and 15 days following adjournment sine die of any constitutional convention.

Present law also provides that peremptory grounds are available when a legislator or employee is engaged in activities in connection with or ordered by: (1) the legislature; (2) any legislative committee or subcommittee appointed by the president of the Senate or the speaker of the House of Representatives; (3) any committee or commission appointed by the governor or other person authorized to make such appointments; or (4) any constitutional convention or commission.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the court to grant a legislative continuance or extension on its own motion upon receiving consent from the member of the legislature.

(Amends R.S. 13:4163(B) and (I))