

ACT No. 363

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 560

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4163(E)(1)(b) and (I) and to enact R.S. 13:4163(E)(1)(c),
3 relative to legislative continuances; to provide for the filing of a motion for
4 legislative continuance by electronic means; to provide relative to the required
5 documents to be filed; to provide relative to the delays for filing the motion; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:4163 (E)(1)(b) and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 13:4163(E)(1)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §4163. Ex parte motion for legislative continuance or extension of time; legislators
11 or employees engaged in legislative or constitutional convention activities

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13 E.(1)

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15 (b) If the grounds for a legislative continuance or extension are founded
16 upon any provision of Subparagraph (C)(1)(c) of this Section or upon the issuance
17 of a call for an extraordinary session of the legislature, the motion for legislative
18 continuance or extension shall be timely if filed no later than five calendar days prior
19 to the hearing or proceeding to be continued or no later than two days following the
20 issuance of the notice of the meeting or of the call for the extraordinary legislative
21 session, which ever occurs last. ~~An affidavit of the clerk of the House of~~

1 Representatives or the secretary of the Senate verifying the issuance and date of the
2 issuance of the notice or of the call shall be attached to the motion.

3 (c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not be applied so as to impede the
4 peremptory nature of this Section.

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6 I.(1) For sufficient cause shown, the court ~~may~~ shall consider a motion for
7 legislative continuance or extension at any time prior to the hearing or proceeding.

8 (2) The motion for a legislative continuance may be filed by electronic means
9 such as facsimile transmission or electronic mail, or any other means authorized by
10 law, provided that the mover shall provide all opposing counsel or parties with a
11 copy of the motion, simultaneously with the transmission of the motion to the court.

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____