

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 744

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COURTS: Provides for authority of courts in times of an emergency or disaster

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 196.1, relative to the power of courts to act during  
3 emergencies; to provide for the authority to sign orders and judgments; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 196.1 is hereby enacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 Art. 196.1. Power of courts to act during emergencies

9 A district court or a court of limited jurisdiction may sign orders and  
10 judgments while outside of its territorial jurisdiction during an emergency or disaster  
11 that prevents it from operating in its own jurisdiction.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows district courts and courts of limited jurisdiction to sign orders and judgments outside of their jurisdiction during an emergency or disaster.

Proposed law provides that a district court or a court of limited jurisdiction may sign orders and judgments while outside of its territorial jurisdiction during an emergency or disaster that prevents it from operating in its own jurisdiction.

(Adds C.C.P. Art. 196.1)