
DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to misdemeanor prosecutions, requires the court to allow a plea of not guilty by the filing of a sworn affidavit when a defendant is absent.

Present law requires a plea of not guilty of a misdemeanor to be entered through counsel of record and in the absence of the defendant by the filing of a sworn affidavit prior to the scheduled arraignment date.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a plea of not guilty of a misdemeanor may be allowed to be entered through counsel of record. Further provides that in the absence of the defendant, such plea shall be allowed by the filing of a sworn affidavit prior to the scheduled arraignment date.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 833(B))