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Abstract: Authorizes the presentation of witness testimony by any audio-visual means

<u>Present law</u> provides that the court may order, upon a showing of appropriate safeguards, live testimony of a witness to be presented in open court by teleconference, video link, or other visual remote technology, if the witness is beyond the subpoena power of the court or when compelling circumstances are shown. The order may be entered at a pretrial conference or, in exceptional circumstances, on motion set for hearing at least 10 days prior to trial or at another time that does not prejudice the parties.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the court may permit, upon a showing of appropriate safeguards, live testimony of a witness to be presented in open court by any audio-visual means.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals provisions relative to entering an order.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 1633.1)