

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 200

2022 Regular Session

Brown

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to the presence of the defendant in misdemeanor prosecutions

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies that when the defendant is not present, a plea of not guilty of a misdemeanor shall be allowed by the filing of a sworn affidavit in advance of the arraignment date.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 always be allowed to be entered through counsel of record. If the defendant is not present, a plea of not guilty shall be allowed by the filing of a sworn affidavit prior to the scheduled arraignment date.

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