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DIGEST

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SB 357 Reengrossed

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Present law provides that a disaster, emergency, or public health emergency shall be declared by executive order or proclamation of the governor if the governor finds that a disaster or emergency has occurred or the threat thereof is imminent. Present law also provides that the state of disaster, emergency, or public health emergency shall continue until the governor finds that the threat of danger has passed or the disaster or emergency has been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no longer exist and he terminates the state of disaster, emergency, or public health emergency by executive order or proclamation. Present law provides that no state of disaster, emergency, or public health emergency may continue for longer than 30 days unless renewed by the governor.

Present law authorizes the legislature to terminate an emergency declaration of a state of disaster, emergency, or public health emergency by petition of a majority of the surviving members of either house of the legislature. Relative to public health emergencies, provides for the legislature to be in consultation with the public health authority (defined in present law as the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health, or his designee, and the state health officer).

Proposed law specifies that either the House of Representatives or the Senate may terminate the entire state of emergency or any part or subpart of an emergency by petition signed by a majority of the surviving members of that house. Proposed law, relative to termination of a public health emergency, further deletes the requirement that the legislature consult with the public health authority.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 29:724(B)(2) and 29:768(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make a technical correction.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove provision for the prospective and retroactive application of the Act.