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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to notice of warrant for arrest.

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 334) provides for notice of warrant for arrest.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law provides that after a warrant for arrest is issued, the clerk of court shall, within 60 days, send a notice of warrant for arrest to the prosecuting attorney.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that the clerk of court shall send a notice of warrant for arrest to the prosecuting attorney within 60 days of the defendant's failure to appear.

Proposed law provides that the notice of warrant for arrest shall be sent to the agent or bondsman by electronic means when the agent or bondsman has filed a "Notice of Electronic Notification Opt In" form with the clerk of court.

Present law provides that failure to send notice to the commercial surety within 60 days shall release the surety of all obligations under the bail undertaking.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that failure to send notice to the commercial surety and the agent or bondsman who has opted into electronic notification within 60 days of the defendant's failure to appear shall release the surety of all obligations under the bail undertaking.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 334)