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## DIGEST

Present law requires prescriptions for Schedule II controlled dangerous substances to be in writing.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally allows a prescription for a Schedule II controlled dangerous substances to be in an electronic format which is in accordance with federal law and regulation.

Present law requires prescriptions for Schedule III and IV controlled dangerous substances to be in writing or an oral prescription.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally allows a prescription for a Schedule III and IV controlled dangerous substances to be in an electronic format which is in accordance with federal law and regulation.

Proposed law provides that a prescription for a controlled substance listed in Schedule II, III, IV, or V may be generated, signed, transmitted, and received in electronic form, but only in conformance with the federal rules established by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration at 21 CFR 1311.

Proposed law expands the definition of prescription to encompass an electronic prescription order for the purposes of the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:978(A) and (B) and R.S. 46:2622(17); adds R.S. 40:978(D))