The original instrument was prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

## DIGEST

Adley (SB 97)

<u>Present law</u> provides that when property is forfeited under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, the district attorney is to authorize a public sale or an auction sale conducted by a licensed auctioneer, without appraisal, of whatever forfeited property that is not required by law to be destroyed and that is not harmful to the public.

Also, in Opinion No. 12-0243, the attorney general has opined that <u>present law</u> does not prohibit the disposition of seized motor vehicles at dealer-only auctions provided that the auction is conducted by a licensed auctioneer and the auctioneer accepts the highest or most favorable bid for the property auctioned.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds a requirement that any auction of property forfeited under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law is to be a public auction.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:2616(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical change.