

**ACT No. 372**

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

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AN ACT

To enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 195.1, relative to judicial proceedings conducted by audio-visual means; to provide for hearings and exceptions; to provide for judge trials; to provide for the discretion of the court; to provide for the consent of the parties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Article 195.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 195.1. Judicial proceedings by audio-visual means

A. A hearing on any motion or exception may be conducted by any audio-visual means at the discretion of the court. If witness testimony is necessary, a party may request that the hearing be conducted in person.

B. A judge trial may be conducted by any audio-visual means with the consent of all parties and permission of the court.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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