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HOUSE BILL NO. 191

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

CRIMINAL/JURIES: Authorizes courts to impanel one or more additional grand juries

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 415.1, relative to additional
3 grand juries; to authorize the impaneling of one or more additional grand juries; to
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 415.1 is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 415.1. Selection of additional grand juries

9 Upon the request of the district attorney, the court shall order one or more
10 additional grand ~~jury~~ juries to be impaneled. Such additional grand ~~jury~~ juries shall
11 be selected in the same manner and have the same qualifications, duties, powers, and
12 responsibilities, and be subject to the same provisions of law which presently govern
13 grand juries, except as to duration and the duty to inspect facilities as provided by
14 R.S. 15:121. However, no grand jury may concurrently conduct an inquiry into any
15 offense or matter or receive evidence of any offense or matter which is under
16 investigation by another grand jury impaneled in the same parish. ~~This~~ These
17 additional grand ~~jury~~ juries shall be impaneled and presided over by the judge who
18 impaneled the existing regular grand jury or a judge appointed by him to act in his
19 absence.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the impaneling of one or more additional grand juries.

Present law provides that upon the request of the district attorney, the court shall order one additional grand jury to be impaneled.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize the impaneling of one or more additional grand juries.

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

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 415.1)