

TITLE III
Chapter 19 - Simultaneous Peremptory Challenges
Rule 19.0 - Simultaneous Peremptory Challenges
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**First Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Caddo

Pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 788, the court adopts this rule to provide for a system of simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges. At the conclusion of the examination of prospective jurors as provided in Article 786, those prospective jurors who have not been excused pursuant to a challenge for cause shall be tendered to the state and the defendant(s) for simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenge in writing in a manner to be determined by the court.

**Second Judicial District
Court**

CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

**Parishes of Bienville,
Claiborne and Jackson**

1. After the examination of prospective jurors in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 786, the Court may tender a prospective juror as provided by the first paragraph of Article 788 or, alternatively, may require simultaneous challenges as hereinafter provided in Sections 2 through 6.

2. When the aforesaid examination of prospective jurors has been completed and all challenges for cause ruled upon, the name of each remaining prospective juror shall be submitted to the state and the defendant, whereupon they shall simultaneously accept or peremptorily challenge each juror submitted.

3. The simultaneous acceptance or peremptory challenge of each juror shall be accomplished by the designation of the state and the defendant, on a written slip supplied to each by the Clerk of Court that each does either accept or challenge the juror.

4. The slips to be provided by the Clerk of Court shall bear the name of the prospective juror, the words "Accepted" and "Challenged, Peremptorily", a place for the parties to check which election they make, and a designation as to which party (state or defendant) is making that election. The slips used shall be filed of record.

5. If both the state and the defendant shall accept, the juror shall be immediately sworn. If either the state or defendant challenges, the prospective juror shall be excused and the use of a peremptory challenge by the appropriate party shall be noted. If the state and defendant both challenge, the prospective juror shall be excused and the use of a peremptory challenge by both the state and the defendant shall be noted.

**Third Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Lincoln and
Union**

The Third Judicial District Court does not allow a system of simultaneous peremptory challenges.

**Fourth Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Morehouse
and Ouachita**

Except in Capital Cases, the court has adopted a system of simultaneous challenges as allowed by C.Cr.P. Art. 788. After consideration of cause challenges, each side will exercise peremptory challenges in writing and present them to the court at the same time. If both sides challenge the same prospective juror, each will be charged with a peremptory challenge.

**Fifth Judicial District
Court**

Parishes of Franklin,

Simultaneous challenges are allowed.

**Sixth Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of East Carroll,
Madison and Tensas**

Pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 788, the court adopts this rule to provide for a system of simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges. At the conclusion of the examination of prospective jurors as provided in Article 786, those prospective jurors who have not been excused pursuant to a challenge for cause shall be tendered to the state and the defendant(s) for simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenge in writing in a manner to be determined by the court.

**Seventh Judicial District
Court**

**Parishes of Catahoula
and Concordia**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges allowed.

The simultaneous acceptance or peremptory challenge of each Juror shall be accomplished by the designation of the State and the Defendant, on a written form supplied to each by the Clerk of Court that each does either accept or challenge the Juror.

If both the State and the Defendant shall accept, the Juror shall be immediately sworn. If either the State or Defendant challenges, the prospective Juror shall be excused and the use of a peremptory challenge by the appropriate party shall be noted. If the State and Defendant both challenge, the prospective juror shall be excused and the use of a peremptory challenge by both the State and the Defendant shall be noted.

**Eighth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Winn

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

**Ninth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Rapides

Revised effective Nov. 16,
2005; amended effective
January 1, 2018.

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Prior to the voir dire examination of jurors, the presiding judge in a criminal case shall inform the attorneys for the parties or each party in a case where a party chooses to represent himself; whether the jurors will be tendered alternatively for challenges as provided by La. C.Cr.P. article 788 or challenged simultaneously in writing. The judge shall require the State and the defendant to complete a form which identifies, as to each panel, each juror by name and number and indicates whether each juror is accepted, peremptorily challenged and/or challenged for cause. The completed form shall be presented at side bar at the time jurors are tendered.

If a prospective juror is challenged under both a challenge for cause and a peremptory challenge, and the court grants the challenge for cause, the challenging party shall not be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

If both the State and the defendant exercise a peremptory challenge as to a particular prospective juror, both sides shall be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

**Tenth Judicial District
Court**

Parish of Natchitoches

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Eleventh Judicial District Court The District does not authorize a system of simultaneous peremptory challenges.

Parish of Sabine

Twelfth Judicial District Court Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Parish of Avoyelles

Thirteenth Judicial District Court Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Parish of Evangeline

Fourteenth Judicial District Court This court has not adopted a rule providing for a system of simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges.

Parish of Calcasieu

Fifteenth Judicial District Court

SIMULTANEOUS EXERCISE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES

Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion

Amended effective
February 19, 2013.

Section 1: In any felony jury trial conducted in this Judicial District, the presiding judge may, in the judge's discretion, order the simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges.

Section 2: If the judge elects to order simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges, the judge shall inform the State and the defendant of this election prior to the seating of the first panel of prospective jurors.

Section 3: The judge shall require the State and the defendant to complete a form similar to the Juror Table which follows. The completed form shall be presented at side bar at the time jurors are tendered.

Section 4: If a prospective juror is challenged under both a challenge for cause and a peremptory challenge, and the court grants the challenge for cause, the challenging party shall not be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

Section 5: If both the State and the defendant exercise a peremptory challenge as to a particular prospective juror, both sides shall be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

Sixteenth Judicial District Court No provision for simultaneous peremptory challenges is adopted.

Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary

Seventeenth Judicial District Court

SIMULTANEOUS EXERCISE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES

Parish of Lafourche

Section 1. In any felony jury trial conducted in this Judicial District, the presiding judge may, in the judge's discretion, order the simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges.

Amended effective January 22, 2016.

Section 2. If the judge elects to order simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges, the judge shall inform the State and the defendant of this election prior to the seating of the first panel of prospective jurors.

Section 3. The judge shall require the State and the defendant to complete a form which identifies, as to each panel, each juror by name and number and indicates whether each juror is accepted, peremptorily challenged and/or challenged for cause. The completed form shall be presented at side bar at the time jurors are tendered.

Section 4. If a prospective juror is challenged under both a challenge for cause and a peremptory challenge, and the court grants the challenge for cause, the challenging party shall not be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

Section 5. If both the State and the defendant exercise a peremptory challenge as to a particular prospective juror, both sides shall be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

**Eighteenth Judicial
District Court**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

**Parishes of Iberville,
Pointe Coupee and West
Baton Rouge**

**Nineteenth Judicial
District Court**

State and defense challenges of the same juror are to be considered an exercise of a challenge by both the state and defense as authorized by C.Cr.P. Art. 788.

**Parish of East Baton
Rouge**

**Twentieth Judicial
District Court**

Pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 788 as amended by Act 603 of 1983 the Court adopts this local rule to provide for a system of simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges. At the conclusion of the examination of prospective jurors, if the Court elects to utilize a system of simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges in the instant trial, those prospective jurors who have not been excused for cause, shall be tendered to the State and to the defendant(s) for simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges in writing in a manner to be determined by the Court.

**Parishes of East Feliciana
and West Feliciana**

**Twenty-First Judicial
District Court**

SIMULTANEOUS EXERCISE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES

**Parishes of Livingston,
St. Helena and
Tangipahoa**

Section 1. In any felony jury trial conducted in this judicial district, the presiding judge may, in the judge's discretion, order the simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges.

Section 2. If the judge elects to order simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges, the judge shall inform the state and the defendant of this election prior to the seating of the first panel of prospective jurors.

Section 3. The judge shall require the state and the defendant to complete a form to be furnished by the court. The completed form shall be presented at side bar at the time jurors are tendered.

Section 4. If a prospective juror is challenged under both a challenge for cause and a peremptory challenge, and the court grants the challenge for cause, the challenging party shall not be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

Section 5. If both the state and the defendant exercise a peremptory challenge as to a particular prospective juror, both sides shall be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

Twenty-Second Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory exceptions are allowed at the trial judge's discretion.
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Parishes of St. Tammany and Washington

Twenty-Third Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.
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Parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James

Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court	CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL
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Parish of Jefferson After the examination of prospective jurors in accordance with the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Article 786, the Court may tender a prospective juror as provided by Article 788. The challenge of prospective jurors by the parties shall take place in conformity with the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Article 795 et seq.

Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges not allowed. Court alternates challenges.
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Parish of Plaquemines

Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court	In jury trials, both civil and criminal, peremptory challenges shall be exercised by all parties simultaneously.
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Parishes of Bossier and Webster All challenges shall be in writing and signed by the attorney or party if unrepresented.

Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.
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Parish of St. Landry

Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court	None.
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Parish of LaSalle

Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.
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Parish of St. Charles

Thirtieth Judicial District Court	This district court does not allow simultaneous peremptory challenges.
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Parish of Vernon

Thirty-First Judicial District Court	Simultaneous challenges are not allowed.
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Parish of Jefferson Davis

Thirty-Second Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed; trial judge discretion.
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Parish of Terrebonne

Thirty-Third Judicial District Court	Simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges is employed, if agreed to by counsel.
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Parish of Allen

Thirty-Fourth Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.
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Parish of St. Bernard

Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.
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Parish of Grant

Thirty-Sixth Judicial District Court	Simultaneous peremptory exceptions are allowed at the trial judge's discretion.
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Parish of Beauregard

Thirty-Seventh Judicial District Court	1. In any felony jury trial conducted in the 37th Judicial District the Court may, in the Court's discretion, order simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges.
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Parish of Caldwell	2. If the Court elects to order simultaneous exercises of peremptory challenges, the Court shall inform the State and the Defendant of this election prior to the seating of the first panel of prospective jurors.
Amended eff. Aug. 30, 2010.	3. The Judge shall require the State and the Defendant to complete a form. The completed form shall be presented at sidebar at the time jurors are tendered.

4. If a prospective juror is challenged under both a challenge for cause and a peremptory challenge and the Court grants the challenge for cause, the challenging party shall not be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

5. If both the State and the Defendant exercise a peremptory challenge as to a particular prospective juror, both sides shall be deemed to have expended a peremptory challenge.

**Thirty-Eighth Judicial
District Court**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Parish of Cameron

**Thirty-Ninth Judicial
District Court**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Parish of Red River

**Fortieth Judicial District
Court**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

**Parish of St. John the
Baptist**

Amended eff. Aug. 1,
2010.

Civil District Court

None.

Parish of Orleans

Criminal District Court

JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES

Parish of Orleans

Amended effective August
13, 2015; amended
effective April 6, 2023.

1. After the examination of prospective jurors, in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 786, the Court may tender a prospective juror as provided by the first paragraph of Article 788, or alternatively, may require simultaneous challenges as hereinafter provided in Sections 2 through 4.

2. When the aforesaid examination of prospective jurors has been completed and all challenges for cause have been ruled upon, the name of each remaining prospective juror shall be submitted to the State and the defendant, whereupon they shall simultaneously accept or peremptorily challenge each juror submitted.

3. The simultaneous acceptance or peremptory challenge of each juror shall be accomplished by the designation of the State and the defendant.

4. Once both the State and the defendant accept an adequate number of jurors, the jury shall be sworn as a whole, and the remaining members of the venire shall be dismissed from that section of court and returned to the jury lounge.

**Forty-Second Judicial
District Court**

The District does not authorize a system of simultaneous peremptory challenges.

Parish of DeSoto

Adopted effective
December 17, 2008
