

# TITLES I, II, and III

## Chapter: 19 Chapter Title: Simultaneous Peremptory Challenges

### Appendix 19.0

#### Rule No: 19.0

### Simultaneous Peremptory Challenges

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**1st 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.

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**2nd Judicial District Court  
Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne and Jackson**

#### CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

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.
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**3rd Judicial District Court  
Parishes of Lincoln and Union**

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

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**4th 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.

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**5th Judicial District  
Court  
Parishes of  
Franklin, Richland  
and West Carroll**

Simultaneous challenges are allowed.

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**6th 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.

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**7th 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.

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**8th Judicial District  
Court  
Parish of Winn**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**9th Judicial District  
Court  
Parish of Rapides**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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

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.

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**10th Judicial District  
Court**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

**11th Judicial District  
Court  
Parish of Sabine**

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

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**12th Judicial District  
Court  
Parish of Avoyelles**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**13th Judicial District  
Court  
Parish of Evangeline**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**14th Judicial District  
Court  
Parish of Calcasieu**

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

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**15th Judicial District  
Court  
Parishes of Acadia,  
Lafayette and  
Vermilion**

**SIMULTANEOUS EXERCISE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES**

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.

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**16th Judicial District  
Court  
Parishes of Iberia,  
St. Martin and St.  
Mary**

No provision for simultaneous peremptory challenges is adopted.

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**17th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of Lafourche**

Amended effective  
January 22, 2016.

**SIMULTANEOUS EXERCISE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES**

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 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.

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**18th Judicial District  
Court**

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

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**19th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of East Baton  
Rouge**

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.

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**20th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of East  
Feliciana and West  
Feliciana**

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.

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**21st Judicial District  
Court**

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

**SIMULTANEOUS EXERCISE OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES**

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.

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**22nd Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of St.  
Tammany and  
Washington**

Simultaneous peremptory exceptions are allowed at the trial judge's discretion.

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**23rd Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of  
Ascension,  
Assumption and St.  
James**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**24th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of Jefferson**

**CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL**

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.

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**25th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of  
Plaquemines**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges not allowed. Court alternates challenges.

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**26th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of Bossier  
and Webster**

In jury trials, both civil and criminal, peremptory challenges shall be exercised by all parties simultaneously.

All challenges shall be in writing and signed by the attorney or party if unrepresented.

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**27th Judicial District  
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**Parish of St. Landry**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**28th Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of LaSalle**

None.

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**29th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of St. Charles**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**30th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Vernon**

This district court does not allow simultaneous peremptory challenges.

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**31st Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Jefferson Davis**

Simultaneous challenges are not allowed.

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**32nd Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Terrebonne**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed; trial judge discretion.

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**33rd Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Allen**

Simultaneous exercise of peremptory challenges is employed, if agreed to by counsel.

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**34th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of St. Bernard**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**35th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Grant**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**36th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Beauregard**

Simultaneous peremptory exceptions are allowed at the trial judge's discretion.

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**37th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Caldwell**

Amended eff. Aug.

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.
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.

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.

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**38th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Cameron**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**39th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of Red River**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

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**40th Judicial District Court**  
**Parish of St. John the Baptist**

Simultaneous peremptory challenges are allowed.

Amended eff. Aug. 1, 2010.

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**Civil District Court**  
**Parish of Orleans**

None.

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**Criminal District Court**  
**Parish of Orleans**

#### JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES

Amended effective August 13, 2015.

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 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.

**42nd Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of DeSoto**

Adopted effective  
December 17, 2008

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