

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE:

PENDING CRIMINAL
CASES

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 20

WHEREAS, Public Law 92-208, 85 Stat. 741, provided for the creation of the Middle District of Louisiana, said new District to encompass the area previously designated as the Baton Rouge Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, there was pending upon the effective date of Public Law 92-208 certain criminal cases on the docket of said Court,

Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Art. III of the Amendments to the United States Constitution and Section 3240 of Title 18 of the United States Code,

IT IS ORDERED that upon the effective date of Public Law 92-208, all criminal cases then pending on the docket of the Baton Rouge Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana be, and they are hereby transferred to and shall remain on the docket of the Eastern District of Louisiana, without prejudice to the rights of the defendants to move, as in any criminal case, and pursuant to law, for change of venue. Any such motion, if filed, shall be heard and passed upon by the Judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana to whom the case may be assigned.

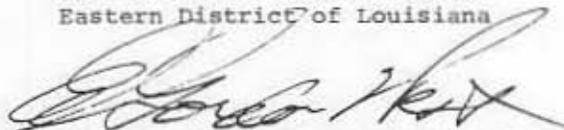
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all prosecutions for acts allegedly committed prior to the effective date of Public Law 92-208 but which are not commenced until after such effective date shall be commenced and prosecuted in the Eastern District of Louisiana subject to the same rights of the defendant to move for change of venue as hereinabove set forth in connection with pending criminal cases.

The Clerk is hereby authorized to make such transfers of files, records and funds and to do all such other things as may be necessary to carry out this order.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 16, 1972.



Frederick J. R. Heebe, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Louisiana



E. Gordon West, Judge
United States District Court
Middle District of Louisiana