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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the right to a speedy trial; creating
3	time limits within which a person charged with a crime
4	must be brought to trial; permitting state attorneys to
5	file a demand for a speedy trial; providing conditions
6	that must be met in order to do so; requiring that the
7	trial judge schedule a calendar call upon the filing of a
8	demand for a speedy trial in order to schedule a trial;
9	prescribing conditions under which the trial court may
10	postpone a trial date; providing an effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. <u>Victim's right to a speedy trial; speedy trial</u>
15	demand by the state attorney
16	(1) The state attorney may file a demand for a speedy
17	trial if the state has met its obligations under the rules of
18	discovery, and if the charge is:
19	(a) A felony or misdemeanor and the court has granted at
20	least three continuances upon the request of the defendant and
21	over the objection of the state attorney.
22	(b) A felony and the case is not resolved within 125 days
23	after the date that formal charges are filed and the defendant
24	is arrested or the date that notice to appear in lieu of arrest
25	is served upon the defendant.
26	(c) A misdemeanor and the case is not resolved within 45
27	days after the date that formal charges are filed and the
28	defendant is arrested or the date that notice to appear in lieu

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29 of arrest is served upon the defendant. 30 (2) Upon the filing of a demand for a speedy trial, the trial court shall schedule a calendar call within 5 days, at 31 32 which time the court shall schedule the trial to commence no 33 sooner than 5 days or later than 45 days following the date of 34 the calendar call. 35 (3)(a) The trial court may postpone the trial date for up 36 to 30 additional days upon a showing by the defendant that a 37 necessary witness who was properly served failed to attend the deposition and also failed to attend a subsequently scheduled 38 39 deposition following a court order to appear. 40 (b) The trial court may also postpone the trial date for 41 no fewer than 30 days but no more than 70 days if the court 42 grants a motion by counsel to withdraw due to a conflict of 43 interest, or for other good legal cause, and the court appoints 44 other counsel. 45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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