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§62-7-1. Stay of proceedings.

Upon the application of any person entitled, under the provisions of article four, chapter fifty-eight of this code, to an appeal or writ of error from a judgment in a prosecution for any offense or crime, the criminal court, intermediate court or other court of record of limited jurisdiction, or the judge of such court in vacation, shall make an order postponing the execution of the sentence for a reasonable time within which to prepare and present bills of exceptions to the trial court and until a reasonable time beyond the first day of the next regular term of the circuit court of the county.

Upon the application of any person entitled, under the provisions of article five, chapter fifty-eight of this code, to an appeal or writ of error from the judgment a circuit court convicting him of any offense or crime, the circuit court or the judge thereof in vacation, shall make an order postponing the execution of the sentence for a reasonable time to enable him to prepare and present bills of exceptions and to secure a transcript of the evidence before the court at the trial, and until a reasonable time beyond the first day of the next term of the Supreme Court of Appeals.