Bail outreach. Know your state’s rules.

Use the right license and follow the rules. Two courts threw out Texas’s wait and open warrant bans.

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Follow these 5 rules.

1. **Right license**
   Use the right license and authority for your state and county.
2. **Right hours**
   Texas night limit: 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. Other limits and exceptions matter. Pick your state.
3. **Say who you are**
   Give your name and firm. Make an honest offer.
4. **Right place**
   Follow your state’s place rules and the facility’s access rules.
5. **Phone rules**
   Check the rules for your specific call or text. A public record is not consent.

Use your state’s hours.

Texas

Chapter 1704 night limit: no unsolicited in person or phone bonding contacts from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. in counties the chapter covers. Class C contacts are excluded.

Chapter 301 separately limits the consumer calls it covers: after 9 a.m. and before 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; after noon and before 9 p.m. Sunday. Exceptions exist. Pruett did not decide that every bail call is covered.

Louisiana

Residential bail sales calls: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the called person’s location, Monday through Saturday. No Sundays or legal holidays. Most Do Not Call exceptions do not waive hours.

Declared emergencies add limits: a full ban while LPSC attends the emergency center; only listed exception calls afterward while the declaration continues. Check the current notice.

Mississippi

The statute says 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time. No Sunday solicitation, including § 77-3-711 exempt solicitors. Confirm daylight saving application.

The Attorney General administers solicitation rules. Current force of the old PSC holiday restriction was not established; do not assume a holiday exception.

Check the requirements and exceptions for your actual call or text. Pruett did not remove separate phone laws.

Ask a lawyer to review your own plan.

Read the proof.

2007 federal ruling · 2008 Texas ruling · Texas bail law · Louisiana call rules · Mississippi call rules · Federal phone rules

Full guide and all sources: www.pruettvhcbbb.com

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Phone, text and data limits still matter

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