

Extension Seen For Hearing On Haggerty

The three-day-old hearing into the conduct of Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. may continue Saturday and into Monday, it was learned today.

While the press is excluded from the second floor Louisiana Supreme Court chambers, persons in close contact with the proceedings talked of a Saturday session and said inquiry has been made by the Judiciary Committee of Louisiana on whether the courtroom would be available Monday.

The state's high court does not need the courtroom until June 8, it's next decision day.

Meanwhile Judge Haggerty was back on the scene today waiting to be called, as he has been each day this week.

Judge Haggerty appeared on foot at the building at 9:15 a.m., 15 minutes before the start of the hearing and conferred with his attorney, Robert N. Zibilich, in the corridor outside the courtroom.

A stream of plainclothes police officers were seen leaving the building later in the morning, indicating they were the principal witnesses of the day. In contrast to the first

two days of the hearing, newsmen had all but deserted the hearing.

Judge Haggerty and a number of other persons were arrested last Dec. 17 in a raid on a stag party at the DeVillie Motel on Tulane Avenue. Since then, Judge Haggerty has been tried and acquitted by a fellow criminal district court judge, Matthew F. Braniff, on charges of soliciting for prostitution, obscenity and resisting arrest.

Probing his conduct is a panel of four judges, two attorneys and a New Orleans businessman who comprise the Judiciary Commission for the state of Louisiana.

At the end of the hearing, for which 40 witnesses have been subpoenaed and which is expected to take the balance of the week, the commission will make its recommendation to the Louisiana Supreme Court on whether or not Haggerty should be involuntarily retired from office.

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Marathon Push Under Way in Haggerty Probe

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A marathon schedule of day-night investigative sessions into the conduct of Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. began today in an attempt to wind up the hearing this week.

The hearings by the Louisiana Judiciary Commission got under way Monday and day sessions were held through yesterday. The first night session will be tonight and another is scheduled tomorrow. The commission plans to work all day Saturday.

The commission must recommend to the Louisiana Supreme Court whether to remove Judge Haggerty from the bench. The investigation stems from the judge's arrest in a vice raid at a Tulane Avenue motel Dec. 17. He was cleared of criminal charges in the case.

Judge Haggerty has been present at all stages of the closed-door hearing and has testified himself.

Murray C. Fincher, a member of the seven-man panel, was asked today when the hearings would end and replied, "I wish I knew."