

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

CIVIL/VENUE. Provides for child support venue and for certain criminal penalties for non-support.

DIGEST

Present law provides that a proceeding for modification of support may be brought in the parish where the person awarded support is domiciled.

Proposed law provides that a proceeding for modification of support may be brought in the parish where the person awarded support is domiciled only if the support award has been registered in that parish in accordance with C.C.P. Art. 2785 et seq., regardless of the domicile requirements of 2786(A).

Present law (C.C.P. Art. 2785 et seq.) provides for the intrastate registration of support orders for modification and enforcement.

Present law (R.S. 14:75) provides that it is unlawful for any obligor to intentionally fail to pay a support obligation for any child who resides in this state, if such obligation has remained unpaid for a period longer than one year or is greater than \$5,000.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any obligor to intentionally fail to pay a support obligation for any child who resides in this state, if such obligation has remained unpaid for a period longer than six months or is greater than \$2,500.

Present law authorizes the court to suspend all or any portion of the imposition or execution of the sentence in any case in which restitution is made prior to the time of sentencing.

Proposed law provides that the court may not suspend all or any portion of the imposition or execution of the sentence for a second or subsequent offense.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 74.2(C)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

- 1. Provided an exception to the applicability of the domicile requirements in the intrastate registration of support orders.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the reengrossed bill.

- 1. Provides that the failure to pay a child support obligation is a crime when the obligation has intentionally remained unpaid for longer than six months or the obligation is greater than \$2500.
- 2. Prohibits a court from allowing the suspension of all or any portion of the imposition or execution of the sentence for failure to pay a child support obligation when restitution is made prior to the time of sentencing for a second or subsequent offense.