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DIGEST

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Present law defines the crime of obstruction of justice and provides penalties for violations.

Proposed law retains present law and adds obstruction of civil immigration proceedings and obstruction of official acts of an agent or employee of a governmental entity to the present law definition of obstruction of justice.

Proposed law provides that a person who commits obstruction of justice regarding a civil immigration proceeding will be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Proposed law provides that a person who commits obstruction of justice regarding an official act of an agent or employee of a governmental entity will be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Present law defines the crime of malfeasance in office.

Proposed law retains present law and adds taking any official action, failing to perform an official duty, or refusing a lawful request for cooperation submitted by either U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services with the intent to hinder, delay, prevent, or otherwise interfere, ignore, or thwart federal immigration enforcement efforts to the crime of malfeasance in office.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:130.1(A)(intro para) and 134(A); adds R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6) and (B)(6) and (7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Expand obstruction of justice to immigration proceedings and official governmental acts.
3. Add penalties for violating proposed law relative to immigration proceedings and

official governmental acts.