The original instrument was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Martha Hess.

## DIGEST 2018 Regular Session

Appel

SB 94 Engrossed

<u>Present law</u> requires public entities to promptly pay all obligations arising under a public contract when the obligations are due and payable under the contract. Requires that if the public entity fails to make any progressive stage payment, without reasonable cause, within 45 days after receipt of a certified request for payment, the entity is liable for reasonable attorney fees.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds provision that the public entity is also liable for interest charged at 0.5% accumulated daily, not to exceed 15%.

<u>Present law</u> requires that if the public entity fails to make final payment after formal final acceptance and within 45 days after receipt of a clear lien certificate, the entity is liable for reasonable attorney fees. <u>Proposed law</u> adds provision that the entity is also liable for interest charged at 1.5% accumulated daily, not to exceed 15%.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 38:2191(B))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Changes the rate of interest charged from 1.5% to 0.5%.