

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 223 (HB 139)

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Existing law (R.S. 13:2575) authorizes municipalities and parishes to prescribe civil fines for violations of certain types of ordinances, including housing ordinances. Existing law defines the term "housing violation" as only those conditions in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment or a historic district. Existing law further provides that in municipalities with a population of 70,000 or more, and in other specified parishes and municipalities, the term also encompasses building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

New law provides that in Acadia Parish the term "housing violation" also encompasses building code, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

Existing law authorizes municipalities and parishes to adopt ordinances establishing an administrative adjudication procedure for holding hearings related to violations. Additionally authorizes certain parishes and municipalities to use administrative adjudication procedures in matters involving licensing, permits, and other ordinance violations.

New law authorizes Acadia Parish to use administrative adjudication procedures in matters involving licensing, permits, and any other ordinance violations. Authorizes any owner or mortgagee of record of property determined to be blighted or abandoned or any party determined by a hearing officer to be in violation of an ordinance enacted pursuant to existing law or new law to appeal the determination to the appropriate district court.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 13:2575.10)