

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD AND TAYLOR

HOUSING: Provides relative to the return of security deposits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3251(A), relative to advances or deposits for a residential or  
3 dwelling premises; to permit the extension of a return of advance or deposits to a  
4 tenant or lessee; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:3251(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3251. Lessee's deposit to secure lease; retention by lessor; conveyance of leased  
8 premises; itemized statement by lessor

9 A. Any advance or deposit of money furnished by a tenant or lessee to a  
10 landlord or lessor to secure the performance of any part of a written or oral lease or  
11 rental agreement shall be returned to the tenant or lessee of residential or dwelling  
12 premises within one month after the lease shall terminate, ~~except that~~ However, the  
13 landlord or lessor may retain all or any portion of the advance or deposit which is  
14 reasonably necessary to remedy a default of the tenant or to remedy unreasonable  
15 wear to the premises. If any portion of an advance or deposit is retained by a  
16 landlord or lessor, he shall forward to the tenant or lessee, within one month after the  
17 date the tenancy terminates or within fifteen days after the date that is one month  
18 after the tenancy terminates, an itemized statement accounting for the proceeds

