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## DIGEST

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HB 546 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

Hunter

**Abstract:** Creates the crime of homestead exemption fraud.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for someone to intentionally claim more than one homestead exemption.

Proposed law provides criminal penalties which require imprisonment for up to six months, a fine not to exceed \$500, or both.

Proposed law provides that a person convicted of proposed law shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim and any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense. If a person ordered to make restitution is found to be indigent and therefore unable to make restitution in full at the time of conviction, the court shall order a periodic payment plan consistent with the person's financial ability.

(Adds R.S. 14:71.4)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Changes penalty provisions to make proposed law a misdemeanor offense with imprisonment of not more than six months, a fine of not more than \$500, or both.
2. Adds restitution provisions.