
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the court to order a defendant to make regular or periodic lump sum payments when the defendant is found in contempt for violating an order for the payment of child or spousal support.

Present law authorizes courts to punish a person adjudged guilty of any contempt of court, including disobeying an order of payment of child support or spousal support or an order for the right of custody or visitation by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than three months, or both.

Present law authorizes the court to order that the person perform litter abatement work or community service in a court-approved program for each day he was to be imprisoned, in addition to or in lieu of the penalties provided by present law, and further authorizes suspension or execution of the sentence.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the court to order regular or periodic lump sum payments to satisfy any outstanding debt which accrued due to the defendant's contempt.

(Amends R.S. 13:4611(1)(a), (c), and (d)(ii) and (3); Adds R.S. 13:4611(1)(d)(iii))