

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

CRIME: Amends the crime of filing or maintaining false public records

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:133(A)(4), relative to the crime of filing or maintaining false public
3 records; to provide for the prohibition of the filing of or maintaining certain false
4 public records; to provide relative to certain voter registration applications; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:133(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §133. Filing or maintaining false public records

9 A. Filing false public records is the filing or depositing for record in any
10 public office or with any public official, or the maintaining as required by law,
11 regulation, or rule, with knowledge of its falsity, of any of the following:

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13 (4) A voter registration application containing a false statement that the
14 applicant is a citizen of the United States.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the crime of filing or maintaining false public records to include a voter registration application containing a false statement that the applicant is a citizen of the U.S.

Present law defines the crime of filing or maintaining false public records as the filing or depositing for record in any public office or with any public official, or the maintaining as required by law, regulation, or rule, with knowledge of its falsity of any of the following: any forged document, any wrongfully altered document, and any document containing a false statement or false representation of a material fact. Provides penalties, including a fine up to \$5,000, imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and adds voter registration applications containing a false statement that the applicant is a citizen of the U.S. to the list of public records to which the crime applies.

(Adds R.S. 14:133(A)(4))