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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))