

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2162(J), relative to civil proceedings initiated by the state
3 licensing board for contractors; to remove venue restrictions; to provide for
4 jurisdiction; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:2162(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2162. Violations; civil penalty; jurisdiction

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9 J. Upon the expiration of the delays set forth in the Administrative Procedure
10 Act for an aggrieved party to appeal any fine or penalty assessed by the board, if an
11 appeal has not been so filed, the board may initiate civil proceedings against the
12 party seeking to obtain a judgment against that party in an amount equivalent to the
13 amount of the fine assessed, together with legal interest and all reasonable attorney
14 fees incurred by the board in bringing the action. The proceedings shall be
15 conducted on a summary basis, with the defendant being limited to the defense of
16 lack of notice as to the meeting of the board during which the fine was assessed.
17 ~~Venue for all~~ All proceedings brought pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection

1 shall lie in ~~the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge~~ any
2 court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____