

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 102 (HB 220)

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Existing law allows the state licensing board for contractors (the board), to initiate a civil proceeding against a party for unpaid fines or penalties assessed by the board, after the time for appeal has expired and no appeal has been filed.

Existing law allows the board to seek a judgment equivalent to the amount of the fine assessed, together with legal interest and all reasonable attorney fees incurred by the board.

Existing law requires the proceedings to be conducted on a summary basis, with the defendant being limited to the defense of lack of notice as to the meeting of the board where the fine was assessed.

Prior law provided that all civil proceedings, initiated by the board, pursuant to these provisions of existing law were required to lie in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge.

New law removes the requirement that these proceedings lie in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge, and instead allows them to lie in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Effective Aug. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 37:2162(J))