

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

MUNICIPAL/ORDINANCES: Provides relative to administrative adjudication of certain ordinance violations in the city of Monroe

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2575.8, relative to the city of Monroe; to provide relative to administrative  
3 adjudication of certain ordinance violations; to provide definitions for certain  
4 violations; to provide relative to the types of violations subject to administrative  
5 adjudication procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 13:2575.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §2575.8. Additional administrative adjudication procedures; city of Monroe

13 A. As applied in the city of Monroe, the term "housing violation" as used in  
14 this Chapter shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance  
15 ordinances, and ordinances that provide for the regulation of sewerage and drainage  
16 systems.

17 B. In the city of Monroe, the procedures for administrative adjudication  
18 provided in this Chapter may also be used in matters involving licensing and permits  
19 and any other ordinance violations as determined by the governing authority of the  
20 city of Monroe.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 5 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for administrative adjudication of certain ordinance violations in the city of Monroe.

Present law (R.S. 13:2575) authorizes municipalities and parishes to prescribe civil fines for violations of certain types of ordinances, including housing ordinances. Present law defines the term "housing violation" as only those conditions in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment or a historic district. Present law further provides that in municipalities with a population of 70,000 or more, and in other specified parishes and municipalities, the term shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that in the city of Monroe the term "housing violation" shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances, and ordinances that provide for the regulation of sewerage and drainage systems.

Present law authorizes municipalities and parishes to adopt ordinances establishing an administrative adjudication procedure for holding hearings related to present law violations. Additionally authorizes certain parishes and municipalities to use administrative adjudication procedures in matters involving licensing, permits, and other ordinance violations that may be determined by the respective parish or municipal governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that in the city of Monroe administrative adjudication procedures may be utilized in matters involving licensing, permits, and other ordinance violations that may be determined by the municipal governing authority.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:2575.8)