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Present law provides for the following penalties for the criminal offense of obstruction of justice:

(1) When the obstruction of justice involves a criminal proceeding in which a sentence of death or life imprisonment may be imposed, the offender shall be fined not more than $100,000, imprisoned for not more than 40 years at hard labor, or both.

(2) When the obstruction of justice involves a criminal proceeding in which a sentence of imprisonment necessarily at hard labor for any period less than a life sentence may be imposed, the offender may be fined not more than $50,000, or imprisoned for not more than 20 years at hard labor, or both.

(3) When the obstruction of justice involves any other criminal proceeding, the offender shall be fined not more than $10,000, imprisoned for not more than five years, with or without hard labor, or both.

Proposed law retains present law and adds to the penalties that when the obstruction of justice is committed as described in statute and involves any misdemeanor criminal proceeding that does not involve an intentional misdemeanor directly affecting the person, the offender shall be fined not more than $500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 14:130.1(B)(3); adds R.S. 14:130.1(B)(4))