

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 611 (HB 193)

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Existing law (Part I of Chapter 16 of Title 25) provides generally that the governing authority of any municipality, lake commission, parish, or similar governmental unit may establish within its borders a historic preservation district.

Existing law (Part II of Chapter 16 of Title 25) authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans and the parishes of Franklin, Tensas, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia, and Caldwell to establish a historic preservation district or landmark commission.

Existing law (Parts I and II of Chapter 16 of Title 25) provides procedures for establishing such districts and commissions after study, hearings, and other procedural requirements. Provides for such commissions and districts to regulate the exterior architectural features of structures and provides for application for and approval or denial of certificates of appropriateness to erect, alter, or demolish structures. Prohibits issuance of building permits without a certificate of appropriateness. Provides for exceptions.

Existing law (Parts I and II of Chapter 16 of Title 25) authorizes a commission to institute a suit to prevent any unlawful action in violation of the provisions of existing law or rules and regulations adopted by the commission. Requires that any person who violates the regulations of a commission be fined not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 for each violation. Provides generally that each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

Existing law (Part I of Chapter 16 of Title 25) provides that any person who demolishes a structure or edifice without a certificate of appropriateness may be fined a single fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000.

New law provides for an additional fine applicable in New Orleans. Provides that any person acting who demolishes a structure or edifice without a certificate of appropriateness may be fined a single fine of not more than the greater of \$25,000 or 15% of the assessed value of the structure or edifice.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 25:762.1)