

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 654 (Substitute for House Bill No. 530 by Representative McKnight)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

STATE AGENCIES: Provides for the collection of fees associated with facilitating an electronic signature or authorization

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:316.2, relative to state agencies; to provide relative to electronic payments;  
3 to provide relative to fees associated with electronic signatures; to provide for the  
4 authorization of the collection of fees by the state; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:316.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §316.2. Payments for electronic signatures; authorizations; fees

8 A. The state, through any department, agency, board, commission, or other state  
9 entity hereinafter referred to as "state entity" may charge a fee for use of an electronic  
10 signature in connection with official documents. The state may accept payment for use of  
11 an electronic signature by credit cards, debit cards, and any other form of electronic  
12 payments approved by the treasurer as provided in R.S. 49:316.1.

13 B. The fee charged by the state for the use of an electronic signature pursuant to this  
14 Section shall be a convenience fee paid directly to the state entity. The amount of the  
15 convenience fee, after review and recommendation by the treasurer, shall be approved by  
16 the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and the House Committee on Ways  
17 and Means. In addition, the amount of the convenience fee shall be disclosed to the  
18 signatory before the transaction is completed, and the signatory shall be given the option of  
19 proceeding without the electronic signature at that time.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for a convenience fee for use of an electronic signature.

Proposed law allows a state entity to charge an optional convenience fee for use of an electronic signature in connection with official documents. Provides for the payment of the convenience fee by credit card, debit card, or other electronic payment approved pursuant to present law (R.S. 49:316.1). Provides for the convenience fee to be approved by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

(Adds R.S. 49:316.2)