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DIGEST

SB 167 Original

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Hodges

Present law defines the crime of filing or maintaining false public records as the filing or depositing for record in any public office or with any public official, or the maintaining as required by law, regulation, or rule, with knowledge of its falsity of any of the following: any forged document, any wrongfully altered document, and any document containing a false statement or false representation of a material fact.

Proposed law retains present law and adds voter registration applications containing a false statement that the applicant is a citizen of the United States to the list of public records to which the crime applies.

Proposed law provides that filing false public records shall be punished as follows:

- (1) For a first offense, a person shall be imprisoned for not less than 30 days or fined not less than \$500, or both.
- (2) For second and subsequent offenses, a person shall be imprisoned for not less than 30 days or fined not less than \$500, or both, per violation.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:133(C)(1); adds R.S. 14:133(A)(4))